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<p>The present invention provides methods and pharmaceutical preparations that inhibit the growth of bacterial microorganisms. Additionally, the present invention provides methods and pharmaceutical preparations that kill bacterial microorganisms.</p>		

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Quinoline-Indole Antimicrobial Agents, Uses and Compositions Related Thereto

Background of the Invention

5 A number of structural classes of compounds with antibacterial properties are known. Historically, the most important classes of antibacterials have been the β -lactams, macrolides, lincosamides, aminoglycosides, tetracyclines, polypeptides, and sulfonamides. The bulk of these antibacterial compounds were isolated originally from molds, fungi or bacteria; synthetic and semi-synthetic compounds, additionally, have proven to be efficacious in the treatment of
10 bacterial infections. In the broadest possible sense, known antibacterials work by influencing at least one of the following cellular processes or characteristics: cell wall synthesis; protein synthesis; nucleic acid synthesis; cellular metabolism; and cytoplasmic membrane permeability. Brief descriptions follow of the mechanisms of action of members of each of the aforementioned classes of antibacterials.

15 The β -lactam antibiotics inhibit penicillin binding proteins (PBPs). The PBPs are ubiquitous bacterial enzymes that are involved in cell wall biosynthesis (reviewed in Waxman et al., 1983 Annual Review of Biochemistry 58:825-869; Georgopapadkou et al., 1983 Handbook of Experimental Pharmacology 67:1-77; and Ghuysen, 1991 Annual Review of Microbiology 45:37-67); inhibition of these proteins disrupts the biosynthesis of the bacterial cell wall.
20 Specifically, these compounds act as substrate analogs for the PBPs and form an acyl enzyme intermediate. This acyl enzyme intermediate is resistant to subsequent hydrolysis and ties up the enzyme in a relatively long-lived inactive form. Bacteria have responded to the widespread use of β -lactam antibiotics by evolving a class of β -lactam hydrolyzing enzymes known as β -lactamases. These enzymes are one of the sources of drug resistance now being observed in a
25 number of bacterial diseases including tuberculosis, malaria, pneumonia, meningitis, dysentery, bacteremia, and various venereal diseases.

 The macrolides are a family of antibiotics whose structures contain large lactone rings linked through glycoside bonds with amino sugars. The most important members of the group are erythromycin and oleandomycin. Erythromycin is active against most Gram-positive
30 bacteria, *Neisseria*, *Legionella* and *Haemophilus*, but not against the *Enterobacteriaceae*. Macrolides inhibit bacterial protein synthesis by binding to the 50S ribosomal subunit. Binding inhibits elongation of the protein by peptidyl transferase or prevents translocation of the ribosome or both. Macrolides are bacteriostatic for most bacteria but are bactericidal for a few Gram-positive bacteria.

35 The lincosamides are sulfur-containing antibiotics isolated from *Streptomyces lincolnensis*. There are two important lincosamides: lincomycin and clindamycin. Clindamycin is preferred over lincomycin due to its greater potency, fewer adverse side effects, and its more

favorable pharmacokinetic properties. Bacterial resistance and cross resistance to clindamycin have begun to emerge. The lincosamides are active against Gram-positive bacteria especially *cocci*, but also non-spore forming anaerobic bacteria, *Actinomycetes*, *Mycoplasma* and some *Plasmodium*. The lincosamides bind to the 50S ribosomal subunit and thereby inhibit protein synthesis. These drugs may be bacteriostatic or bactericidal depending upon several factors, including their local concentration.

Aminoglycosides are important antibacterials used primarily to treat infections caused by susceptible aerobic Gram-negative bacteria. Unfortunately, they have a narrow margin of safety, producing characteristic lesions in kidney, cochlea, and vestibular apparatus within the therapeutic dose range. Because they are polycations, the aminoglycosides cross cellular membranes very poorly.

The tetracyclines consist of eight related antibiotics which are all natural products of *Streptomyces*, although some can now be produced semi-synthetically. Tetracycline, chlortetracycline and doxycycline are the best known members of this class. The tetracyclines are broad-spectrum antibiotics with a wide range of activity against both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. The tetracyclines act by blocking the binding of aminoacyl tRNA to the A site on the ribosome. Tetracyclines inhibit protein synthesis on isolated 70S or 80S (eukaryotic) ribosomes, and in both cases, their effect is on the small ribosomal subunit. Most bacteria possess an active transport system for tetracycline that will allow intracellular accumulation of the antibiotic at concentrations 50 times as great as that in the surrounding medium. This system greatly enhances the antibacterial effectiveness of tetracycline and accounts for its specificity of action, since an effective concentration is not accumulated in host cells. Thus a blood level of tetracycline which is harmless to mammalian tissues can halt protein synthesis in invading bacteria. The tetracyclines have a remarkably low toxicity and minimal side effects in mammals. The combination of their broad spectrum and low toxicity has led to their overuse and misuse by the medical community and the wide-spread development of resistance has reduced their effectiveness. Nonetheless, tetracyclines still have some important uses, such as in the treatment of Lyme disease.

The polypeptide antibacterials have in common their basic structural elements -- amino acids. Representatives of this class include vancomycin, and bacitracin. Vancomycin can be used to treat both systemic and gastrointestinal infections, whereas because of serious systemic toxicities bacitracin, is limited to topical applications. Vancomycin inhibits bacterial cell wall synthesis by inhibiting peptidoglycan synthase, apparently by binding to D-alanyl-D-alanine, a component of the cross-link between chains. This action inhibits peptidoglycan chain elongation, and as might be expected, the effect is bactericidal for most organisms if they are dividing rapidly. Because it does not target penicillin-binding enzymes, vancomycin is not cross-resistant with the β -lactams. Bacitracin is a narrow spectrum antibiotic which inhibits cell

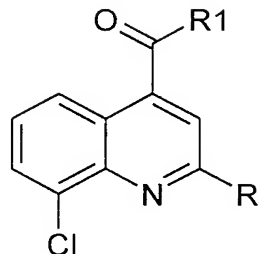
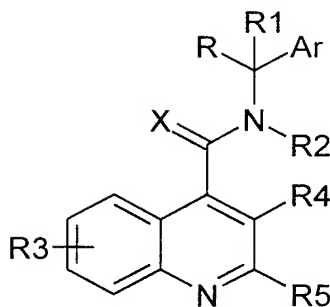
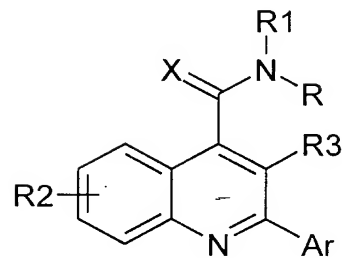
wall biosynthesis by inhibiting lipid pyrophosphatase; this enzyme is involved in transmembrane transport of peptidoglycan precursors.

The sulphonamides are usually bacteriostatic and arrest cell growth by inhibiting bacterial folic acid synthesis. They are effective against sensitive strains of Gram-negative and Gram-positive bacteria, *Actinomyces*, *Nocardia* and *Plasmodia*. However, extensive clinical use of sulfonamides over many years has resulted in a high level of resistance and their current use is limited.

Additionally, there are miscellaneous antibacterials that do not fit readily into the structural classes outlined above. A comprehensive discussion of these miscellaneous antibacterials is not warranted; a small number of antibacterials in this group, however, are relevant to the subject compounds. First, U.S. Patents 3,799,929 "Cinchoninic Acid Derivatives", granted to Eli Lilly and Company on March 26, 1974, and 3,870,712 "Cinchoninic Acid Derivatives", granted to Eli Lilly and Company on March 11, 1975, are directed to sets of substituted quinolines represented by structure A. Of particular relevance to the subject compounds, Lilly claims compounds represented by A wherein: 1) R represents 3-indolyl or 1-methyl-3-indolyl; and 2) R₁ represents -OH or loweralkoxy of 1 to 3 carbons.

Moreover, a few quinoline-indole compounds have been found to display biological activity other than against bacteria. Published PCT applications WO 95/32948 "Quinoline Derivatives as Tachykinin NK₃ Receptor Antagonists", and WO 96/02509 "Quinoline Derivatives as NK₃ Antagonists", filed by SmithKline Beecham disclose substituted quinolines represented by structures B and C, respectively. In WO 95/32948, SmithKline Beecham claims compounds represented by B wherein: 1) R₅ is branched or linear C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, C₄₋₇ cycloalkylalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted single or fused ring heterocyclic group, having aromatic character, containing from 5 to 12 ring atoms and comprising up to four hetero-atoms in the or each ring selected from S, O, N; and 2) X is O, S, or N-CN. In WO 96/02509, SmithKline Beecham claims compounds represented by C wherein: 1) Ar is an optionally substituted phenyl or naphthyl group or an optionally substituted single or fused ring heterocyclic group, having aromatic character, containing from 5 to 12 ring atoms and comprising up to four hetero-atoms in the or each ring selected from S, O, N; and 2) X is O, S, H₂ or N-CN.

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Antibacterial resistance is a global clinical and public health problem that has emerged with alarming rapidity in recent years and undoubtedly will increase in the near future. Resistance is a problem in the community as well as in health care settings, where transmission of bacteria is greatly amplified. Because multiple drug resistance is a growing problem, physicians are now confronted with infections for which there is no effective therapy. The morbidity, mortality, and financial costs of such infections pose an increasing burden for health care systems worldwide, but especially in countries with limited resources. Strategies to address these issues emphasize enhanced surveillance of drug resistance, increased monitoring and improved usage of antimicrobial drugs, professional and public education, development of new drugs, and assessment of alternative therapeutic modalities.

Summary of the Invention

There exists a need to provide alternative and improved agents for the treatment of bacterial infections particularly for the treatment of infections caused by resistant strains of bacteria, e.g. penicillin-resistant, methicillin-resistant, ciprofloxacin-resistant, and/or vancomycin-resistant strains, as well as for the decontamination of objects bearing such organisms, e.g. non-living matter, hospital equipment, walls of operating rooms, and the like.

In general, the present invention provides a method and pharmaceutical preparations for inhibiting the growth of bacterial microorganisms, such as in the treatment of Gram-positive infections, including *Staphylococcus* infections, *Streptococcus* infections, and *Enterococcus* infections, and in the treatment of Gram-negative infections, including *Enterobacteriaceae* infections, *Mycobacterium* infections, *Neisseria* infections, *Pseudomonas* infections, *Shigella* infections, *Escherichia* infections, *Bacillus* infections, *Micrococcus* infections, *Arthrobacter* infections, and *Peptostreptococcus* infections. For instance, the compounds of the present invention are particularly useful in the treatment of infections caused by methicillin-resistant strains of bacteria, e.g., methicillin-resistant strains of *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA;

Micrococcus pyogenes var. *aureus*), and ciprofloxacin-resistant strains of bacteria, e.g., ciprofloxacin-resistant strains of *Staphylococcus aureus* (CRSA). In preferred embodiments, the present invention can be used to inhibit bacterial infections caused by Gram-positive bacteria, for example, *S. aureus*, *S. epidermidis*, *S. pneumonia*.

5 The invention, as described herein, is directed to the use of small (e.g., $M_r < 1.5$ kD) organic molecules, e.g., 2-(3-indolyl)-quinolines and substituted derivatives thereof, and pharmaceutical formulations thereof, in the treatment of bacterial infections. Specifically proposed as antibacterial agents are compounds based on 2-(3-indolyl)-4-quinolinecarboxamide and derivatives thereof, and 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline, and derivatives thereof. As described herein,
10 many of the antibacterials have *in vitro* minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) at or below single-digit micromolar concentrations in assays against cultures of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), ciprofloxacin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (CRSA), vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus* spp. (VRE), and/or penicillin-resistant *Pseudomonas* (PRP). The wide range of antibacterial compounds disclosed herein enables the potential to tailor
15 potency, specificity, solubility, bioavailability, stability, toxicity, and other physical properties to suit specific purposes.

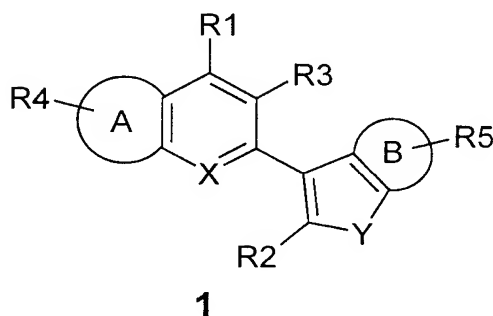
Detailed Description of the Invention

20 In the last decade, the frequency and spectrum of antimicrobial-resistant infections has increased. Certain infections that are essentially untreatable are reaching epidemic proportions in both the developing world and institutional settings in the developed world. Antimicrobial resistance is manifested in increased morbidity, mortality, and health-care costs. *Staphylococcus aureus* is an significant cause of nosocomial infection, especially nosocomial pneumonia, surgical wound infection, and bloodstream infection (Panlilio et al., Infect. Cont. Hosp. Epidemiol. 13: 582-586 (1992)). Other pathogens commonly associated with nosocomial
25 infection include, but are not limited to, *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Enterococcus* spp., *Enterobacter* spp., coagulase-negative staphylococci (CNS). As described above, a considerable amount of effort has been devoted to developing bacteriostatic and bactericidal agents with activity against these and other microorganisms.

30 The present invention relates to heterocyclic antibacterial agents with antimicrobial activity, and particularly, antibacterial activity against both sensitive and resistant strains. The subject antibacterial compounds comprise two distinct heterocycles that are covalently linked to each other, preferably via a carbon-carbon single bond. In preferred embodiments, the individual heterocyclic moieties are quinoline and indole nuclei interconnected at their
35 respective 2- and 3-positions. Three preferred subclasses of the compounds are disclosed: 1) a subclass in which the substituent at the 4-position of the quinoline nucleus comprises a primary or secondary amine; 2) a subclass in which the substituent at the 4-position of the quinoline

nucleus is a hydrogen, halogen, or another group that does not comprise a primary or secondary amine; and 3) a subclass in which a substituent on the B-ring of the quinoline nucleus is a 1-alkynyl group. The remaining positions of the 2-quinolinyl and 3-indolyl nuclei of the subject compounds may independently be unsubstituted or substituted with a variety of groups giving rise to a variety of antimicrobial compounds.

For example, in one embodiment, the compounds of the present invention are represented by the general formula 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or prodrug thereof:



wherein

each of A and B independently represent fused rings selected from a group consisting of monocyclic or polycyclic cycloalkyls, cycloalkenyls, aryls, and heterocyclic rings, said rings comprising from 4 to 8 atoms in a ring structure;

X represents CR, N, N(O), P, or As;

Y represents CR₂, NR, O, PR, S, AsR, or Se;

R, R₁, R₂, and R₃, for each occurrence, independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

R₄ and R₅, for each occurrence, independently represent halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

A and B independently may be unsubstituted or substituted with R₄ and R₅, respectively, any number of times up to the limitations imposed by stability and the rules of valence;

R₁ and R₃ taken together may represent a ring comprising a total of 3-7 atoms in the backbone of said ring; said ring may comprise one or two heteroatoms in its backbone; and said ring may bear additional substituents or be unsubstituted;

R₈₀ represents an unsubstituted or substituted aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and

m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

These compounds are effective against a number of human and veterinary pathogens, including Gram-positive bacteria such as multiply-resistant staphylococci, streptococci and enterococci, and are expected to be active against Gram-negative organisms as well, such as *Bacteroides spp.* and *Clostridia spp.* species, and acid-fast organisms such as *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, *Mycobacterium avium* and other *Mycobacterium spp.*, and in organisms such as *Mycoplasma spp.* It is contemplated that the compounds of the invention can be used in combating and/or eliminating an infectious process caused by a microorganism in a host. In a particular aspect of the invention, the high potency and rapid bactericidal activity of these compounds make them attractive candidates for use in preventative therapies, such as sterilization of wounds prior to suture, as well as the sterilization of instruments prior to their use in surgical or other invasive procedures.

The invention is also directed to methods for treating a microbial infection in a host using the compositions of the invention. For instance, the subject method can be used to treat or prevent nosocomial bacteremia and skin/wound infection, or lower respiratory infection, endocarditis, and infections of the urinary tract. According to the present invention, treatment of such bacterial diseases comprises the administration of a pharmaceutical composition of the invention in a therapeutically effective amount to an individual in need of such treatment. The compositions may be administered parenterally by intramuscular, intravenous, intraocular, intraperitoneal, or subcutaneous routes; inhalation; orally, topically and intranasally.

Their antimicrobial activity also renders the compounds of the invention particularly useful in inhibiting unwanted microbial growth in tissue culture, especially those used for production of recombinant proteins or vectors for use in gene therapy.

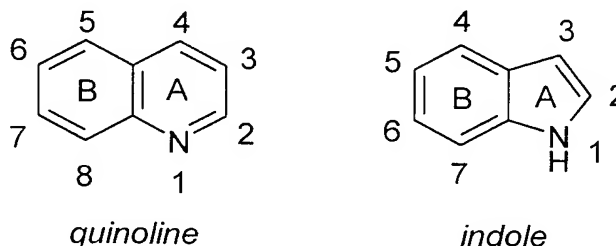
The invention is also directed to pharmaceutical compositions, comprising one or more of the antimicrobial compounds of the invention as the active ingredient(s), which may be administered to a host animal.

I. Definitions

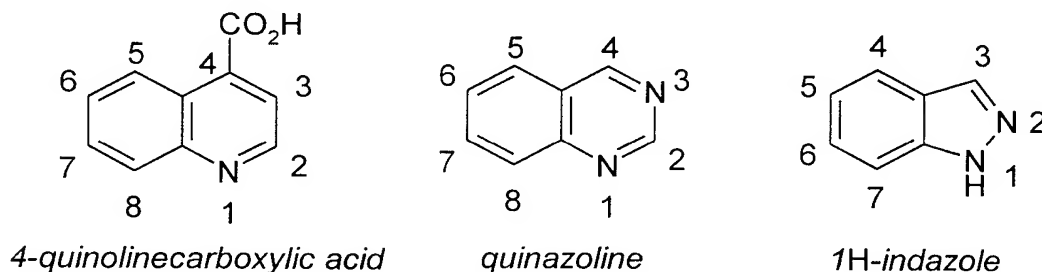
For convenience, certain terms employed in the specification, examples, and appended claims are collected here.

As used herein, the term "antimicrobial" refers to the ability of the compounds of the invention to prevent, inhibit or destroy the growth of microbes such as bacteria, fungi, protozoa and viruses.

The terms "quinoline" and "indole" are intended to mean compounds having the following general chemical structures, wherein the numbers around their peripheries indicate the art recognized positional designations for the two ring systems, and the capital letters contained within the individual rings are, likewise, their art recognized descriptors:



An analog of a quinoline or indole is intended to mean any derivative of a quinoline or indole, in particular derivatives that adhere to the rules of valence in which a nitrogen is replaced by another atom, derivatives in which any of the carbon atoms are replaced with another heavy atom, and derivatives in which additional chemical groups are attached to any of the heavy atoms of the molecule. For example, the present invention contemplates the use of derivatives of 4-quinolinecarboxylic acid, quinazoline and 1H-indazole:



The term "prodrug" is intended to encompass compounds which, under physiological conditions, are converted into the antibacterial agents of the present invention. A common method for making a prodrug is to select moieties, e.g., for any of the R₁-R₅ substituents of formula 1, which are hydrolyzed under physiological conditions to provide the desired. In other embodiments, the prodrug is converted by an enzymatic activity of the host animal or the target bacteria.

The term "heteroatom" as used herein means an atom of any element other than carbon or hydrogen. Preferred heteroatoms are boron, nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, sulfur and selenium.

The term "electron-withdrawing group" is recognized in the art, and denotes the tendency of a substituent to attract valence electrons from neighboring atoms, i.e., the substituent is

electronegative with respect to neighboring atoms. A quantification of the level of electron-withdrawing capability is given by the Hammett sigma (σ) constant. This well known constant is described in many references, for instance, J. March, Advanced Organic Chemistry, McGraw Hill Book Company, New York, (1977 edition) pp. 251-259. The Hammett constant values are generally negative for electron donating groups ($\sigma[\text{P}] = -0.66$ for NH_2) and positive for electron withdrawing groups ($\sigma[\text{P}] = 0.78$ for a nitro group), $\sigma[\text{P}]$ indicating para substitution. Exemplary electron-withdrawing groups include nitro, acyl, formyl, sulfonyl, trifluoromethyl, cyano, chloride, and the like. Exemplary electron-donating groups include amino, methoxy, and the like.

Herein, the term "aliphatic group" refers to a straight-chain, branched-chain, or cyclic aliphatic hydrocarbon group and includes saturated and unsaturated aliphatic groups, such as an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, and an alkynyl group.

The term "alkyl" refers to the radical of saturated aliphatic groups, including straight-chain alkyl groups, branched-chain alkyl groups, cycloalkyl (alicyclic) groups, alkyl substituted cycloalkyl groups, and cycloalkyl substituted alkyl groups. In preferred embodiments, a straight chain or branched chain alkyl has 30 or fewer carbon atoms in its backbone (e.g., C_1 - C_{30} for straight chain, C_3 - C_{30} for branched chain), and more preferably 20 or fewer. Likewise, preferred cycloalkyls have from 3-10 carbon atoms in their ring structure, and more preferably have 5, 6 or 7 carbons in the ring structure.

Moreover, the term "alkyl" (or "lower alkyl") as used throughout the specification, examples, and claims is intended to include both "unsubstituted alkyls" and "substituted alkyls", the latter of which refers to alkyl moieties having substituents replacing a hydrogen on one or more carbons of the hydrocarbon backbone. Such substituents can include, for example, a halogen, a hydroxyl, a carbonyl (such as a carboxyl, an alkoxycarbonyl, a formyl, or an acyl), a thiocarbonyl (such as a thioester, a thioacetate, or a thioformate), an alkoxyl, a phosphoryl, a phosphonate, a phosphinate, an amino, an amido, an amidine, an imine, a cyano, a nitro, an azido, a sulfhydryl, an alkylthio, a sulfate, a sulfonate, a sulfamoyl, a sulfonamido, a sulfonyl, a heterocyclyl, an aralkyl, or an aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety. It will be understood by those skilled in the art that the moieties substituted on the hydrocarbon chain can themselves be substituted, if appropriate. For instance, the substituents of a substituted alkyl may include substituted and unsubstituted forms of amino, azido, imino, amido, phosphoryl (including phosphonate and phosphinate), sulfonyl (including sulfate, sulfonamido, sulfamoyl and sulfonate), and silyl groups, as well as ethers, alkylthios, carbonyls (including ketones, aldehydes, carboxylates, and esters), $-\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{CN}$ and the like. Exemplary substituted alkyls are described below. Cycloalkyls can be further substituted with alkyls, alkenyls, alkoxys, alkylthios, aminoalkyls, carbonyl-substituted alkyls, $-\text{CF}_3$, $-\text{CN}$, and the like.

The term "aralkyl", as used herein, refers to an alkyl group substituted with an aryl group (e.g., an aromatic or heteroaromatic group).

The terms "alkenyl" and "alkynyl" refer to unsaturated aliphatic groups analogous in length and possible substitution to the alkyls described above, but that contain at least one double or triple bond respectively.

Unless the number of carbons is otherwise specified, "lower alkyl" as used herein means an alkyl group, as defined above, but having from one to ten carbons, more preferably from one to six carbon atoms in its backbone structure. Likewise, "lower alkenyl" and "lower alkynyl" have similar chain lengths. Throughout the application, preferred alkyl groups are lower alkyls. In preferred embodiments, a substituent designated herein as alkyl is a lower alkyl.

The term "aryl" as used herein includes 5-, 6- and 7-membered single-ring aromatic groups that may include from zero to four heteroatoms, for example, benzene, pyrrole, furan, thiophene, imidazole, oxazole, thiazole, triazole, pyrazole, pyridine, pyrazine, pyridazine and pyrimidine, and the like. Those aryl groups having heteroatoms in the ring structure may also be referred to as "aryl heterocycles" or "heteroaromatics." The aromatic ring can be substituted at one or more ring positions with such substituents as described above, for example, halogen, azide, alkyl, aralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, imino, amido, phosphonate, phosphinate, carbonyl, carboxyl, silyl, ether, alkylthio, sulfonyl, sulfonamido, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heterocyclyl, aromatic or heteroaromatic moieties, -CF₃, -CN, or the like. The term "aryl" also includes polycyclic ring systems having two or more cyclic rings in which two or more carbons are common to two adjoining rings (the rings are "fused rings") wherein at least one of the rings is aromatic, e.g., the other cyclic rings can be cycloalkyls, cycloalkenyls, cycloalkynyls, aryls and/or heterocyclyls.

The abbreviations Me, Et, Ph, Tf, Nf, Ts, Ms represent methyl, ethyl, phenyl, trifluoromethanesulfonyl, nonafluorobutanesulfonyl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl and methanesulfonyl, respectively. A more comprehensive list of the abbreviations utilized by organic chemists of ordinary skill in the art appears in the first issue of each volume of the *Journal of Organic Chemistry*; this list is typically presented in a table entitled Standard List of Abbreviations. The abbreviations contained in said list, and all abbreviations utilized by organic chemists of ordinary skill in the art are hereby incorporated by reference.

The terms *ortho*, *meta* and *para* apply to 1,2-, 1,3- and 1,4-disubstituted benzenes, respectively. For example, the names 1,2-dimethylbenzene and *ortho*-dimethylbenzene are synonymous.

The terms "heterocyclyl" or "heterocyclic group" refer to 3- to 10-membered ring structures, more preferably 3- to 7-membered rings, whose ring structures include one to four heteroatoms. Heterocycles can also be polycycles. Heterocyclyl groups include, for example, thiophene, thianthrene, furan, pyran, isobenzofuran, chromene, xanthene, phenoxathiin, pyrrole, imidazole, pyrazole, isothiazole, isoxazole, pyridine, pyrazine, pyrimidine, pyridazine, indolizine, isoindole, indole, indazole, purine, quinolizine, isoquinoline, quinoline, phthalazine,

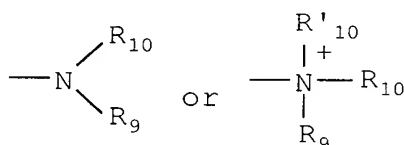
naphthyridine, quinoxaline, quinazoline, cinnoline, pteridine, carbazole, carboline, phenanthridine, acridine, pyrimidine, phenanthroline, phenazine, phenarsazine, phenothiazine, furazan, phenoxazine, pyrrolidine, oxolane, thiolane, oxazole, piperidine, piperazine, morpholine, lactones, lactams such as azetidinones and pyrrolidinones, sultams, sultones, and the like. The heterocyclic ring can be substituted at one or more positions with such substituents as described above, as for example, halogen, alkyl, aralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, hydroxyl, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, imino, amido, phosphonate, phosphinate, carbonyl, carboxyl, silyl, ether, alkylthio, sulfonyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, a heterocyclyl, an aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety, -CF₃, -CN, or the like.

The terms "polycyclyl" or "polycyclic group" refer to two or more rings (e.g., cycloalkyls, cycloalkenyls, cycloalkynyls, aryls and/or heterocyclyls) in which two or more carbons are common to two adjoining rings, e.g., the rings are "fused rings". Rings that are joined through non-adjacent atoms are termed "bridged" rings. Each of the rings of the polycycle can be substituted with such substituents as described above, as for example, halogen, alkyl, aralkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, hydroxyl, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, imino, amido, phosphonate, phosphinate, carbonyl, carboxyl, silyl, ether, alkylthio, sulfonyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, a heterocyclyl, an aromatic or heteroaromatic moiety, -CF₃, -CN, or the like.

The term "carbocycle", as used herein, refers to an aromatic or non-aromatic ring in which each atom of the ring is carbon.

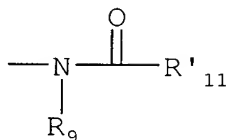
As used herein, the term "nitro" means -NO₂; the term "halogen" designates -F, -Cl, -Br or -I; the term "sulfhydryl" means -SH; the term "hydroxyl" means -OH; and the term "sulfonyl" means -SO₂-.

The terms "amine" and "amino" are art-recognized and refer to both unsubstituted and substituted amines, e.g., a moiety that can be represented by the general formula:



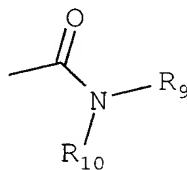
wherein R₉, R₁₀ and R'₁₀ each independently represent a hydrogen, an alkyl, an alkenyl, -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀, or R₉ and R₁₀ taken together with the N atom to which they are attached complete a heterocycle having from 4 to 8 atoms in the ring structure; R₈₀ represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle or a polycycle; and m is zero or an integer in the range of 1 to 8. In preferred embodiments, only one of R₉ or R₁₀ can be a carbonyl, e.g., R₉, R₁₀ and the nitrogen together do not form an imide. In even more preferred embodiments, R₉ and R₁₀ (and optionally R'₁₀) each independently represent a hydrogen, an alkyl, an alkenyl, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀. Thus, the term "alkylamine" as used herein means an amine group, as defined above, having a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl attached thereto, i.e., at least one of R₉ and R₁₀ is an alkyl group.

The term "acylamino" is art-recognized and refers to a moiety that can be represented by the general formula:



wherein R_9 is as defined above, and R'_{11} represents a hydrogen, an alkyl, an alkenyl or $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-R}_{80}$, where m and R_{80} are as defined above.

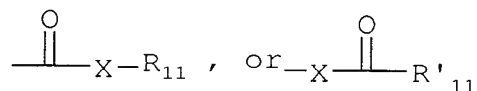
The term "amido" is art recognized as an amino-substituted carbonyl and includes a moiety that can be represented by the general formula:



wherein R_9 , R_{10} are as defined above. Preferred embodiments of the amide will not include imides which may be unstable.

The term "alkylthio" refers to an alkyl group, as defined above, having a sulfur radical attached thereto. In preferred embodiments, the "alkylthio" moiety is represented by one of -S-alkyl, -S-alkenyl, -S-alkynyl, and -S- $(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-R}_{80}$, wherein m and R_{80} are defined above. Representative alkylthio groups include methylthio, ethyl thio, and the like.

The term "carbonyl" is art recognized and includes such moieties as can be represented by the general formula:

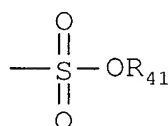


wherein X is a bond or represents an oxygen or a sulfur, and R_{11} represents a hydrogen, an alkyl, an alkenyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-R}_{80}$ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, R'_{11} represents a hydrogen, an alkyl, an alkenyl or $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-R}_{80}$, where m and R_{80} are as defined above. Where X is an oxygen and R_{11} or R'_{11} is not hydrogen, the formula represents an "ester". Where X is an oxygen, and R_{11} is as defined above, the moiety is referred to herein as a carboxyl group, and particularly when R_{11} is a hydrogen, the formula represents a "carboxylic acid". Where X is an oxygen, and R'_{11} is hydrogen, the formula represents a "formate". In general, where the oxygen atom of the above formula is replaced by sulfur, the formula represents a "thiolcarbonyl" group. Where X is a sulfur and R_{11} or R'_{11} is not hydrogen, the formula represents a "thiolester." Where X is a sulfur and R_{11} is hydrogen, the formula represents a "thiolcarboxylic acid." Where X is a sulfur and R'_{11} is hydrogen, the formula represents a "thiolformate." On the other hand, where X is a bond, and R_{11} is not hydrogen, the above formula represents a "ketone"

group. Where X is a bond, and R₁₁ is hydrogen, the above formula represents an "aldehyde" group.

The terms "alkoxyl" or "alkoxy" as used herein refers to an alkyl group, as defined above, having an oxygen radical attached thereto. Representative alkoxyl groups include methoxy, ethoxy, propyloxy, tert-butoxy and the like. An "ether" is two hydrocarbons covalently linked by an oxygen. Accordingly, the substituent of an alkyl that renders that alkyl an ether is or resembles an alkoxyl, such as can be represented by one of -O-alkyl, -O-alkenyl, -O-alkynyl, -O-(CH₂)_m-R₈₀, where m and R₈₀ are described above.

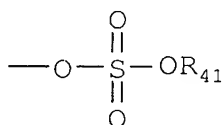
The term "sulfonate" is art recognized and includes a moiety that can be represented by the general formula:



in which R₄₁ is an electron pair, hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, or aryl.

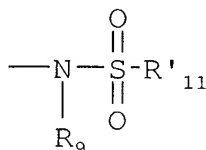
The terms triflyl, tosyl, mesyl, and nonafllyl are art-recognized and refer to trifluoromethanesulfonyl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, methanesulfonyl, and nonafluorobutanesulfonyl groups, respectively. The terms triflate, tosylate, mesylate, and nonaflate are art-recognized and refer to trifluoromethanesulfonate ester, *p*-toluenesulfonate ester, methanesulfonate ester, and nonafluorobutanesulfonate ester functional groups and molecules that contain said groups, respectively.

The term "sulfate" is art recognized and includes a moiety that can be represented by the general formula:



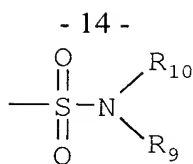
in which R₄₁ is as defined above.

The term "sulfonamido" is art recognized and includes a moiety that can be represented by the general formula:



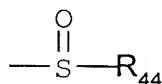
in which R₉ and R'₁₁ are as defined above.

The term "sulfamoyl" is art-recognized and includes a moiety that can be represented by the general formula:



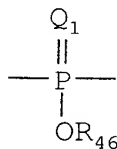
in which R₉ and R₁₀ are as defined above.

The terms "sulfoxido" or "sulfinyl", as used herein, refers to a moiety that can be represented by the general formula:

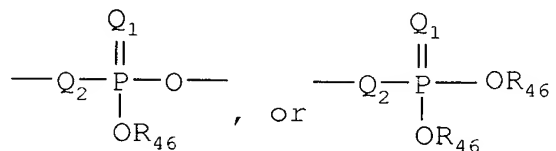


in which R₄₄ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aralkyl, or aryl.

A "phosphoryl" can in general be represented by the formula:

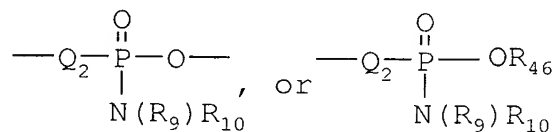


- 10 wherein Q₁ represented S or O, and R₄₆ represents hydrogen, a lower alkyl or an aryl. When used to substitute. e.g., an alkyl, the phosphoryl group of the phosphorylalkyl can be represented by the general formula:



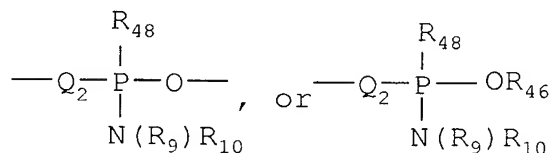
- 15 wherein Q₁ represented S or O, and each R₄₆ independently represents hydrogen, a lower alkyl or an aryl, Q₂ represents O, S or N. When Q₁ is an S, the phosphoryl moiety is a "phosphorothioate".

A "phosphoramidite" can be represented in the general formula:



wherein R₉ and R₁₀ are as defined above, and Q₂ represents O, S or N.

- 20 A "phosponamidite" can be represented in the general formula:



wherein R₉ and R₁₀ are as defined above, Q₂ represents O, S or N. and R₄₈ represents a lower alkyl or an aryl, Q₂ represents O, S or N.

5 A "selenoalkyl" refers to an alkyl group having a substituted seleno group attached thereto. Exemplary "selenoethers" which may be substituted on the alkyl are selected from one of -Se-alkyl, -Se-alkenyl, -Se-alkynyl, and -Se-(CH₂)_m-R₈₀, m and R₈₀ being defined above.

Analogous substitutions can be made to alkenyl and alkynyl groups to produce, for example, aminoalkenyls, aminoalkynyls, amidoalkenyls, amidoalkynyls, iminoalkenyls, iminoalkynyls, thioalkenyls, thioalkynyls, carbonyl-substituted alkenyls or alkynyls.

10 As used herein, the definition of each expression, e.g. alkyl, m, n, etc., when it occurs more than once in any structure, is intended to be independent of its definition elsewhere in the same structure.

15 Certain compounds of the present invention may exist in particular geometric or stereoisomeric forms. The present invention contemplates all such compounds, including cis- and trans-isomers, *R*- and *S*-enantiomers, diastereomers, (D)-isomers, (L)-isomers, the racemic mixtures thereof, and other mixtures thereof, as falling within the scope of the invention. Additional asymmetric carbon atoms may be present in a substituent such as an alkyl group. All such isomers, as well as mixtures thereof, are intended to be included in this invention.

20 If, for instance, a particular enantiomer of a compound of the present invention is desired, it may be prepared by asymmetric synthesis, or by derivation with a chiral auxiliary, where the resulting diastereomeric mixture is separated and the auxiliary group cleaved to provide the pure desired enantiomers. Alternatively, where the molecule contains a basic functional group, such as amino, or an acidic functional group, such as carboxyl, diastereomeric salts are formed with an appropriate optically-active acid or base, followed by resolution of the diastereomers thus formed by fractional crystallization or chromatographic means well known in the art, and
25 subsequent recovery of the pure enantiomers.

30 Contemplated equivalents of the compounds described above include compounds which otherwise correspond thereto, and which have the same general properties thereof (e.g. the ability to inhibit bacterial cell growth), wherein one or more simple variations of substituents are made which do not adversely affect the efficacy of the compound in inhibiting bacterial cell growth. In general, the compounds of the present invention may be prepared by the methods illustrated in the general reaction schemes as, for example, described below, or by modifications thereof, using readily available starting materials, reagents and conventional synthesis procedures. In these reactions, it is also possible to make use of variants which are in themselves known, but are not mentioned here.

35 It will be understood that "substitution" or "substituted with" includes the implicit proviso that such substitution is in accordance with permitted valence of the substituted atom

and the substituent, and that the substitution results in a stable compound, e.g., which does not spontaneously undergo transformation such as by rearrangement, cyclization, elimination, etc.

As used herein, the term "substituted" is contemplated to include all permissible substituents of organic compounds. In a broad aspect, the permissible substituents include acyclic and cyclic, branched and unbranched, carbocyclic and heterocyclic, aromatic and nonaromatic substituents of organic compounds. Illustrative substituents include, for example, those described herein above. The permissible substituents can be one or more and the same or different for appropriate organic compounds. For purposes of this invention, the heteroatoms such as nitrogen may have hydrogen substituents and/or any permissible substituents of organic compounds described herein which satisfy the valences of the heteroatoms. This invention is not intended to be limited in any manner by the permissible substituents of organic compounds.

For purposes of this invention, the chemical elements are identified in accordance with the Periodic Table of the Elements, CAS version, Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, 67th Ed., 1986-87, inside cover. Also for purposes of this invention, the term "hydrocarbon" is contemplated to include all permissible compounds having at least one hydrogen and one carbon atom. In a broad aspect, the permissible hydrocarbons include acyclic and cyclic, branched and unbranched, carbocyclic and heterocyclic, aromatic and nonaromatic organic compounds which can be substituted or unsubstituted.

The phrase "protecting group" as used herein means temporary substituents which protect a potentially reactive functional group from undesired chemical transformations. Examples of such protecting groups include esters of carboxylic acids, silyl ethers of alcohols, and acetals and ketals of aldehydes and ketones, respectively. The field of protecting group chemistry has been reviewed (Greene, T.W.; Wuts, P.G.M. *Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis*, 2nd ed.; Wiley: New York, 1991).

The term "ED₅₀" means the dose of a drug which produces 50% of its maximum response or effect. Alternatively, the dose which produces a pre-determined response in 50% of test subjects or preparations.

The term "LD₅₀" means the dose of a drug which is lethal in 50% of test subjects.

The term "therapeutic index" refers to the therapeutic index of a drug defined as LD₅₀/ED₅₀.

The term "structure-activity relationship (SAR)" refers to the way in which altering the molecular structure of drugs alters their interaction with a receptor, enzyme, etc.

The term "agonist" refers to a compound that mimics the action of natural transmitter or, when the natural transmitter is not known, causes changes at the receptor complex in the absence of other receptor ligands.

The term "antagonist" refers to a compound that binds to a receptor site, but does not cause any physiological changes unless another receptor ligand is present.

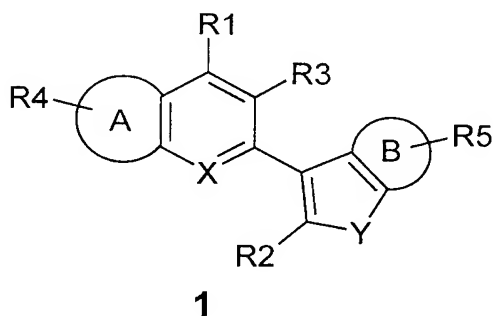
The term "competitive antagonist" refers to a compound that binds to a receptor site; its effects can be overcome by increased concentration of the agonist.

5 The term "partial agonist" refers to a compound that binds to a receptor site but does not produce the maximal effect regardless of its concentration.

The term "ligand" refers to a compound that binds at the receptor site.

II. Compounds of the Invention.

10 As set out above, the present invention makes available a novel class of compounds represented by the general formula 1:



In preferred embodiments, the subject compounds are represented by general formula 1, with the proviso that when X represents N, Y represents NH or NCH₃, R₁ is -CO₂H or -CO₂(lower alkyl), R₂ and R₃ each represent H, A and B each represent fused benzo rings, and R₅ is absent, then R₄ does not represent a single chlorine at the 8-position of the quinoline moiety.

In other preferred embodiments, the subject compounds are represented by general formula 1, as generally described above, with the proviso that when X represents N, Y represents NH or NCH₃, R₂ and R₃ each represent H, A and B each represent fused benzo rings. R₅ is absent, and R₁ comprises an *sp*²-hybridized carbon at its point of attachment to the aromatic ring containing X, then said *sp*²-hybridized carbon is itself bonded, via either single or double bonds, to no more than one oxygen atom.

In a further preferred embodiment, the subject compounds are represented by the general formula 1 as defined above, with the proviso that when X represents N, Y represents NH or NMe, R₂ and R₃ each represent H, and A and B each independently represent fused benzo rings, then the fused benzo ring B is substituted at least once by an R₅.

In preferred embodiments of the compounds of general formula 1, the above general definitions apply. and B is substituted at least once by an R₅.

In preferred embodiments of the compounds of general formula **1**, the above general definitions apply, and at least one of R₂ or R₃ is alkyl or aryl.

In preferred embodiments of the compounds of general formula **1**, the above general definitions apply, except that when R₁ comprises an *sp*²-hybridized carbon at its point of attachment to the aromatic ring containing X; said *sp*²-hybridized carbon is itself bonded, via either single or double bonds, to no more than one oxygen atom.

Certain of the subject compounds can be classified on the basis of whether or not R₁ comprises a primary or secondary amine functional group. Merely for ease of reading, the application refers to "Class A" compounds, comprising a primary or secondary amine in R₁, and "Class B" compounds, which lack a primary or secondary amine in R₁. The presence of the amine, as demonstrated in the examples below, can be correlated with the potency of the instant compounds against *Enterococci*.

Class A Compounds

In certain embodiments, the subject compounds are represented by the general formula **1**, A, B, X, Y, R, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅ being defined above, and R₁ representing alkyl(NHR), -C(Z)N(R)(R'-NHR), -C(Z)O(R'-NHR), -S(Z)₂N(R)(R'-NHR), or -P(Z)₂N(R)(R'-NHR), wherein Z independently for each occurrence represents (R)₂, O, S, or NR, and R' represents a covalent linker connecting the two nitrogens explicitly depicted above in the definitions of R₁; R' preferably being an alkyl, e.g., preferably a cyclic, branched or straight chain aliphatic group of 2-10 bonds in length, cycloalkyl, alkenyls, cycloalkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroalkyl, or heteroaryl moiety.

In a preferred embodiment, X is N and Y is NR. Where Y represents NR, that occurrence of R is preferably H, alkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀, wherein R₈₀ represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle, and m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

In more preferred embodiments, the subject compounds are represented by the general formula **1**, substituents A, B, X, Y, and R being defined above:

wherein

R₁ represents alkyl(NHR), -C(Z)N(R)(R'-NHR), -C(Z)O(R'-NHR), -S(Z)₂N(R)(R'-NHR), or -P(Z)₂N(R)(R'-NHR), wherein Z independently for each occurrence represents (R)₂, O, S, or NR;

R' represents a covalent linker, preferably an alkyl, e.g., more preferably a cyclic, branched or straight chain aliphatic group of 2-10 bonds in length, cycloalkyl, alkenyls, cycloalkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroalkyl, or heteroaryl moiety;

R_2 and R_3 , independently for each occurrence, represent H or a hydrophobic aliphatic group, and more preferably R_2 and R_3 represent H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or aryl, and even more preferably H or $-CH_3$;

R_4 independently for each occurrence represents C_1 - C_6 alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, heteroalkyl, heteroaryl, $-OR$, $-OCF_3$, $-OC(R)_2OR$, $-C(R)_2OR$, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or halogenated alkyl), though preferably R_4 is a halogen, trihalogenated methyl, or $-CCR_{60}$ (R_{60} being described below) and more preferably R_4 is a halogen, trihalogenated methyl; and

R_5 independently for each occurrence represents a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. preferably a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, such as a trihalogenated methyl such as $-CF_3$).

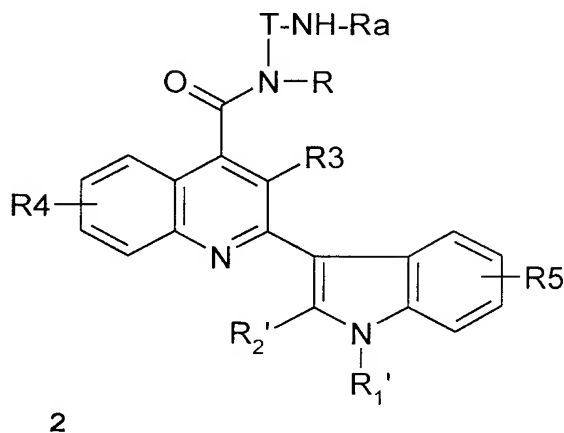
In preferred embodiments, when R_1 represents $-C(Z)O(R'-NHR)$, X represents N, Y represents NH or NCH_3 , R_2 and R_3 each represent H, A and B each represent fused benzo rings, and R_5 is absent, then R_4 does not represent a single chlorine at the 8-position of the quinoline moiety.

In preferred embodiments of the compounds of class A, the above general definitions apply, and B is substituted at least once by R_5 .

In preferred embodiments of the compounds of class A, the above general definitions apply, and at least one of R_2 or R_3 is alkyl or aryl.

In preferred embodiments of the compounds of class A, the above definitions apply, and R_1 represents alkyl(NHR), $-C(Z)N(R)(R'-NHR)$, $-S(Z)_2N(R)(R'-NHR)$, or $-P(Z)_2N(R)(R'-NHR)$.

In more preferred embodiments of this class of compounds, the subject antibacterial compounds are represented by general formula 2:



wherein

R , R_a , R_3 , R_1' , and R_2' , for each occurrence, independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide,

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phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or $-(CH_2)_m-$

5 R₈₀;

R₄, and R₅, for each occurrence, independently represent halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or $-(CH_2)_m-R_{80}$;

T represents a covalent linker, preferably being an alkyl, e.g., preferably a cyclic, branched or straight chain aliphatic group of 2-10 bonds in length, cycloalkyl, alkenyls, cycloalkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroalkyl, or heteroaryl moiety;

15 the B-rings of the 2-quinolinyl and 3-indolyl moieties may be unsubstituted or substituted between one and four times inclusive by R₄ and R₅, respectively;

R₈₀ represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

20 In preferred embodiments of the compounds of formula 2:

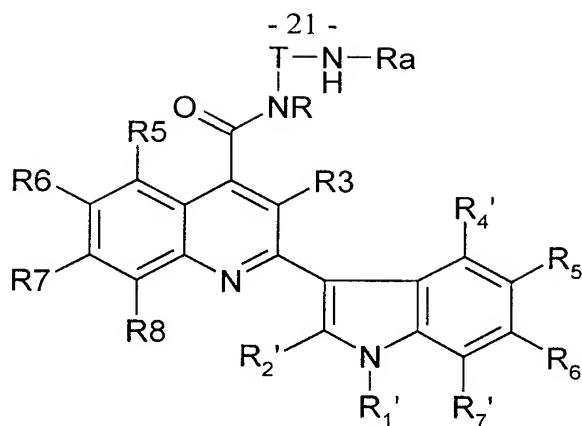
R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H or a hydrophobic aliphatic group, and more preferably R₂' and R₃ represent H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or aryl, and even more preferably H or -CH₃;

25 R₄ independently for each occurrence represents C₁-C₆ alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OC(R)₂OR, -C(R)₂OR, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or halogenated alkyl), preferably R₄ is a halogen, trihalogenated methyl or -CCR₆₀ (R₆₀ being described below), and more preferably R₄ is a halogen or trihalogenated methyl; and

R₅ independently for each occurrence represents a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl such as a trihalogenated methyl).

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In more preferred embodiments of this class of compounds, the subject antibacterial compounds are represented by the general formula below:



wherein

R, R_a, R₃, R₅, R₆, R₇, R₈, R₁', R₂', R₄', R₅', R₆', and R₇', for each occurrence,
 5 independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide,
 10 thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

T represents a covalent linker, preferably being an alkyl, e.g., preferably a cyclic, branched or straight chain aliphatic group of 2-10 bonds in length, cycloalkyl, alkenyls, cycloalkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, heteroalkyl, or heteroaryl moiety;

R₈₀ represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and
 15 m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

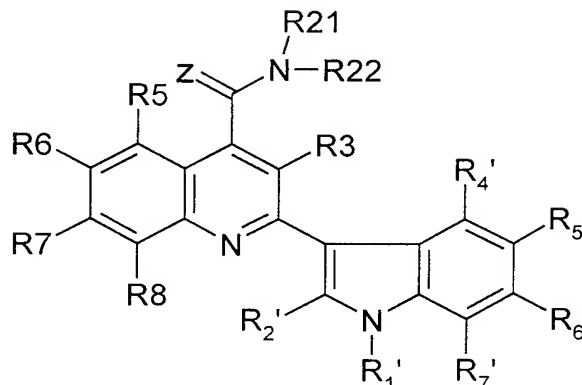
In preferred embodiments of the compounds represented above:

R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H or a hydrophobic aliphatic group, and more preferably R₂' and R₃ represent H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or aryl, and even more
 20 preferably H or -CH₃;

R₅, R₆, R₇, and R₈ independently for each occurrence represent H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OC(R)₂OR, -C(R)₂OR, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or halogenated alkyl), and more preferably they are selected from the group comprising halogen, trihalogenated methyl or -CCR₆₀ (R₆₀ being described below); and

25 R₄', R₅', R₆', and R₇' represent, independently for each occurrence, H, a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl such as a trihalogenated methyl).

In more preferred embodiments, the subject antibacterial compounds are represented by the following general formula:



wherein

Z represents O or (R)₂;

R, R₃, R₅, R₆, R₇, R₈, R₂₁, R₂₂, R₁', R₂', R₄', R₅', R₆', and R₇', for each occurrence, independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

R₈₀ represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

In preferred embodiments, Z represents O or (R)₂;

R is as defined above;

R₂' and R₃, independently for each occurrence, represent H or a hydrophobic aliphatic group, and more preferably R₂' and R₃ represent H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or aryl, and even more preferably H or -CH₃;

R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ independently for each occurrence represent H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OC(R)₂OR, -C(R)₂OR, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or halogenated alkyl), and more preferably R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ each represent a halogen, trihalogenated methyl or -CCR₆₀ (R₆₀ being described below);

R_1' represents H, alkyl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, $-(CH_2)_nN(Phth)$, or $-(CH_2)_nN(R)_2$ wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

R_4' , R_5' , R_6' and R_7' independently for each occurrence represent H, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, such as a trihalogenated methyl); and

5 $N(R_{21})R_{22}$ taken together represents a heterocycle comprising from 4 to 8 members inclusive; or R_{21} and R_{22} independently for each occurrence represent H, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or $-(CH_2)_m-R_{80}$, though more preferably $-(CH_2)_nNH(R_1')$, wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive, or *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*- $CH_2C_6H_4CH_2NH(R_1')$, or 2-, 3-, or 4-((R_1')aminomethyl)cyclohexylmethyl, or 2-, 3-, or 4-((R_1')amino)cyclohexyl; with the proviso
10 that R_{21} and R_{22} are selected such that $N(R_{21})R_{22}$ comprises a primary or secondary amine.

The preferred subclass of compounds described above comprises compounds with minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) below 25 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against certain Gram-positive bacteria, especially methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, ciprofloxacin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus* spp., and/or *Streptococcus*
15 *pneumoniae*. Additionally, individual members of the preferred subclass of compounds described above have MICs below 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$, and more preferably MIC values less than 7 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ or even less than 1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against such bacteria.

Class B Compounds

20 The absence of a primary or secondary amine in the substituent at the 4-position of the quinoline in general structure 2 was tolerated with respect to maintenance of activity against MRSA and PRP. Other suitable groups could be selected to increase the polarity and/or stability of the resulting compounds. Thus, in yet other embodiments, the subject compounds are represented by the general formula 1, A, B, X, Y, R, R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 being defined in the general
25 formula above, and R_1 representing H, Me, lower alkyl, halogen, $-C(Z)OR$, $-C(Z)N(R)_2$, $-S(Z)_2N(R)_2$, or $-P(Z)_2N(R)_2$, wherein Z independently for each occurrence represents $(R)_2$, O, S, or NR.

In a preferred embodiment, X is N and Y is NR. For those embodiments wherein Y represents NR, that occurrence of R is preferably H, alkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or $-(CH_2)_m-$
30 R_{80} , wherein R_{80} represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle, and m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

In certain preferred embodiments, R_1 represents hydrogen or halogen, X represents N, Y represents NH or NCH_3 , R_2 and R_3 each independently represent H, lower alkyl, or aryl, A and B each represent fused benzo rings.

In preferred embodiments, when R₁ represents -C(Z)OR, X represents N, Y represents NH or NCH₃, R₂ and R₃ each represent H, A and B each represent fused benzo rings, and R₅ is absent, then R₄ does not represent a single chlorine at the 8-position of the quinoline moiety.

5 In preferred embodiments of the compounds of class B, the above definitions apply, and B is substituted at least once by an R₅.

In preferred embodiments of the compounds of class B, the above definitions apply, and at least one of R₂ or R₃ is alkyl or aryl.

In more preferred embodiments, the subject compounds are represented by the general formula 1, A, B, X, Y, and R being generally defined above:

10 wherein

R₁ represents H, Me, lower alkyl, halogen, -C(Z)OR, -C(Z)N(R)₂, -S(Z)₂N(R)₂, or -P(Z)₂N(R)₂;

Z independently for each occurrence represents (R)₂, or O;

15 R₂ and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H or a hydrophobic aliphatic group, and more preferably R₂ and R₃ represent H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or aryl, and even more preferably H or -CH₃;

20 R₄ independently for each occurrence represents C₁-C₆ alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OC(R)₂OR, -C(R)₂OR, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or halogenated alkyl), and more preferably R₄ is a halogen, trihalogenated methyl or -CCR₆₀ (R₆₀ being described below); and

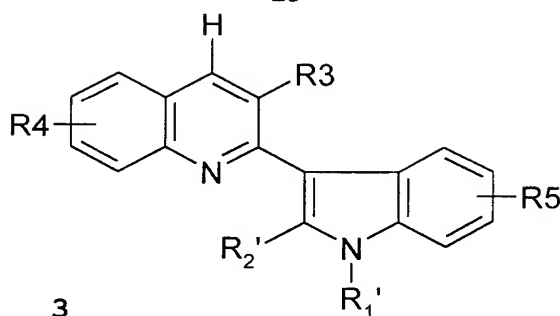
R₅ independently for each occurrence represents a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, especially a trihalogenated methyl), -C(O)N(R)₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂C-aryl, or -O₂C-alkyl.

25 In further preferred embodiments, the above description applies wherein R₁ represents H, halogen, Me, lower alkyl, -C(Z)N(R)₂, -S(Z)₂N(R)₂, or -P(Z)₂N(R)₂.

In another preferred embodiment, the subject compounds are represented by 1, wherein X represents N; Y represents NH or NMe; R₂ and R₃ each independently represent H; A and B each independently represent a fused benzo ring; and R₅ is present at least once.

30 In certain preferred embodiments, the subject antibacterial compounds are represented by general formula 3:

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wherein

R_3 , R_1' , and R_2' , for each occurrence, independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or $-(CH_2)_m-$ R_{80} ;

R_4 , and R_5 , for each occurrence, independently represent halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or $-(CH_2)_m-R_{80}$;

the B-rings of the 2-quinolinyl and 3-indolyl moieties may be unsubstituted or substituted between one and four times inclusive by R_4 and R_5 , respectively;

R_{80} represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and

m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

In more preferred embodiments of the compounds of formula 3:

R_1' represents H, alkyl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, $-(CH_2)_nN(Ph)_2$, or $-(CH_2)_nN(R)_2$ wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

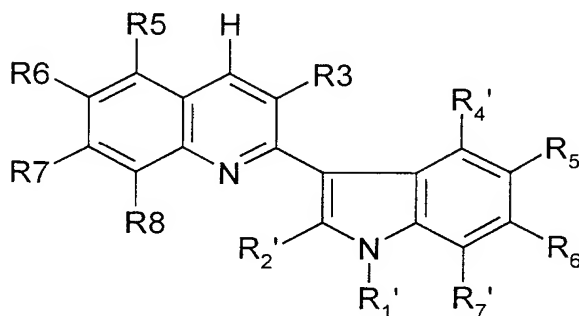
R_2' and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent H or a hydrophobic aliphatic group, and more preferably R_2' and R_3 represent H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or aryl, and even more preferably H or $-CH_3$;

R_4 independently for each occurrence represents C_1 - C_6 alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, -OR, $-OCF_3$, $-OC(R)_2OR$, $-C(R)_2OR$, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or

halogenated alkyl), and more preferably R_4 represents a halogen, trihalogenated methyl or CCR_{60} (R_{60} being described below); and

R_5 independently for each occurrence represents a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, especially a trihalogenated methyl), $-C(O)N(R)_2$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$,
 5 $-OH$, $-OR$, $-O_2Caryl$, or $-O_2Calkyl$.

In more preferred embodiments, the subject antibacterial compounds are represented by the following general formula:



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wherein

R_1' represents H, alkyl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, $-(CH_2)_nN(Phth)$, or $-(CH_2)_nN(R)_2$ wherein *n* is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

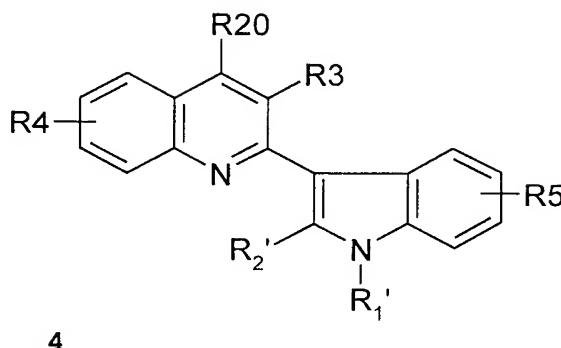
R_2' and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or aryl;

15 R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , and R_8 independently for each occurrence represent H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, $-C(O)N(R)_2$, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or halogenated alkyl, preferably a halogen or trihalogenated methyl); and

R_4' , R_5' , R_6' and R_7' independently for each occurrence represent H, a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or halogenated alkyl, preferably a halogen or trihalogenated methyl),
 20 $-C(O)NR_2$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-OH$, $-OR$, $-O_2Caryl$, or $-O_2Calkyl$.

The preferred subclass of compounds described above comprises compounds with minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) below 10 $\mu g/mL$ against certain Gram-positive bacteria, especially methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, ciprofloxacin-resistant
 25 *Staphylococcus aureus*, and/or *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. In more preferred embodiments, members of this subclass of compounds have MIC values less than 7 $\mu g/mL$ or even less than 1 $\mu g/mL$ against such bacteria, particularly against methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* and/or ciprofloxacin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*.

In preferred embodiments, the subject antibacterial compounds are represented by general formula 4:



5 wherein

R_{20} represents H, Me, lower alkyl, halogen, $-C(Z)OR$, $-C(Z)N(R)_2$, $-S(Z)_2N(R)_2$, or $-P(Z)_2N(R)_2$, wherein Z independently for each occurrence represents (R)₂, O, S, or NR;

10 R, R_3 , R_1' , and R_2' , for each occurrence, independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or $-(CH_2)_m-R_{80}$;

15 R_4 , and R_5 , for each occurrence, independently represent halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, 20 oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or $-(CH_2)_m-R_{80}$;

the B-rings of the 2-quinolinyl and 3-indolyl moieties may be unsubstituted or substituted between one and four times inclusive by R_4 and R_5 , respectively;

R_{80} represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and

m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

25 In preferred embodiments of the compounds 4, when R_{20} represents $-C(Z)OR$, X represents N, Y represents NH or NCH_3 , R_2 and R_3 each represent H, A and B each represent fused benzo rings, and R_5 is absent, then R_4 does not represent a single chlorine at the 8-position of the quinoline moiety.

In preferred embodiments of the subject compounds 4, the above general definitions apply, and R₅ is present at least once.

In preferred embodiments of the subject compounds 4, the above general definitions apply, and at least one of R₂ or R₃ is alkyl or aryl.

5 In preferred embodiments of the compounds 4, the above definitions apply, and R₂₀ represents -C(Z)N(R)₂, -S(Z)₂N(R)₂, or -P(Z)₂N(R)₂.

In preferred embodiments of the compounds 4, the above definitions apply, and R₂₀ represents halogen.

10 In certain preferred embodiments, the subject antibacterial compounds are represented by general formula 4, wherein

R₂₀ represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or iodine;

R₁' represents H, alkyl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, -(CH₂)_nN(Phth), or -(CH₂)_nN(R)₂ wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

15 R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or aryl;

the B-rings of the 2-quinolinyl and 3-indolyl moieties may be unsubstituted or substituted between one and four times inclusive by R₄ and R₅, respectively;

20 R₄ independently for each occurrence represents Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, preferably a trihalogenated methyl); and

R₅ independently for each occurrence represents a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, preferably a trihalogenated methyl), -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl.

In more preferred embodiments, the above definitions apply, and R₂₀ is chlorine.

25 More preferably, the subject antibacterial compounds are represented by general formula 4, wherein

R₂₀ represents H, Me, lower alkyl, halogen, -C(Z)OR, -C(Z)N(R)₂, -S(Z)₂N(R)₂, or -P(Z)₂N(R)₂, wherein Z independently for each occurrence represents (R)₂, O, S, or NR;

30 R₁' represents H, alkyl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, -(CH₂)_nN(Phth), or -(CH₂)_nN(R)₂ wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or aryl;

the B-rings of the 2-quinoliny and 3-indolyl moieties may be unsubstituted or substituted between one and four times inclusive by R_4 and R_5 , respectively;

R_4 independently for each occurrence represents Me, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, preferably a trihalogenated methyl); and

R_5 independently for each occurrence represents a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, preferably a trihalogenated methyl), -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl.

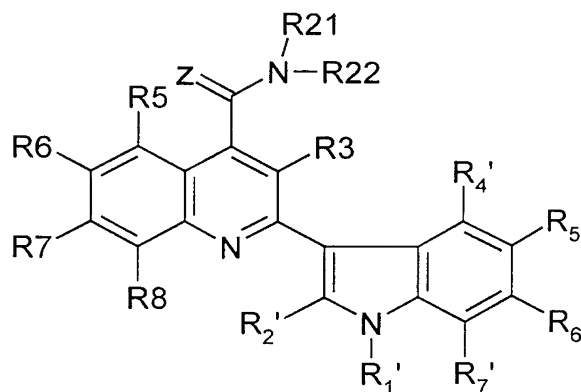
In preferred embodiments of the subject compounds, the above general definitions apply, and R_5 is present at least once.

In preferred embodiments of the subject compounds, the above general definitions apply, and at least one of R_2 or R_3 is alkyl or aryl.

In still further preferred embodiments, the subject antibacterial compounds are represented by general formula 4 and the preceding definitions, and R_{20} represents H, Me, lower alkyl, halogen, -C(Z)N(R)₂, -S(Z)₂N(R)₂, or -P(Z)₂N(R)₂, wherein Z independently for each occurrence represents (R)₂, O, S, or NR.

In further preferred embodiments, the above descriptions based on 4 apply wherein R_{20} represents H, Me, lower alkyl, halogen, -C(Z)OR, -C(Z)N(R)₂, -S(Z)₂N(R)₂, or -P(Z)₂N(R)₂, wherein Z independently for each occurrence represents (R)₂, O, S, or NR; and R_5 is present at least once.

In additional preferred embodiments, the subject antibacterial compounds are represented by the following general formula:



wherein

Z represents O or (R)₂;

R_2' and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent H or a hydrophobic aliphatic group, and more preferably R_2' and R_3 represent H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or aryl, and even more preferably H or $-CH_3$;

5 R_5 , R_6 , R_7 and R_8 independently for each occurrence represent H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, $-OR$, $-OCF_3$, $-OC(R)_2OR$, $-C(R)_2OR$, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or halogenated alkyl), and more preferably R_5 , R_6 , R_7 and R_8 represent H, halogen, trihalogenated methyl, or $-CCR_{60}$ (R_{60} being described below);

R_1' represents H, alkyl, aryl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, $-(CH_2)_nN(Phth)$, or $-(CH_2)_nN(R)_2$ wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

10 R_4' , R_5' , R_6' and R_7' independently for each occurrence represent H, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, especially a trihalogenated methyl); and

15 R_{21} and R_{22} independently for each occurrence represent H, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*- $CH_2C_6H_4O(R_1')$, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*- $CH_2C_6H_4OMe$, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*- $CH_2C_6H_4OH$, (2-benzimidazolyl) CH_2 -, 2-, 3-, or 4-methoxyphenyl, 2-, 3-, or 4-hydroxyphenyl, or 2-, 3-, or 4- $((R_1')_2NCH_2)$ cyclohexylmethyl, or 2-, 3-, or 4- $((R_1')_2N)$ cyclohexyl; or $N(R_{21})R_{22}$ taken together represents a heterocycle comprising from 4 to 8 members inclusive; with the proviso that, regardless of the specific identity of $N(R_{21})R_{22}$, it does not include a primary or secondary amine.

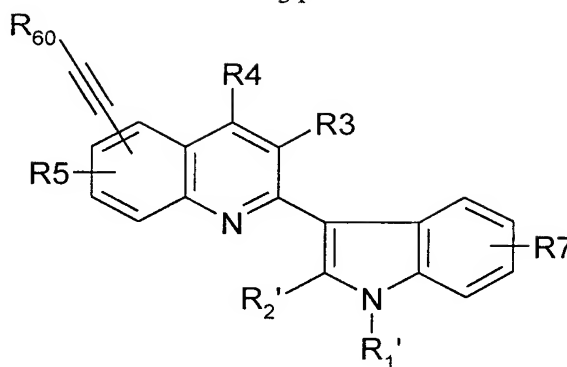
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The preferred subclass of compounds described above comprises compounds with minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) below 10 $\mu g/mL$ against certain Gram-positive bacteria, especially methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, ciprofloxacin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, and/or *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. Additionally, individual members of
25 the preferred subclass of compounds described above have MICs less than 7 $\mu g/mL$ or even less than 1 $\mu g/mL$ against such bacteria.

Alkynyl-substituted

30 In still other embodiments, the subject antibacterial compounds are represented by the following general formula:

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wherein

R₃, R₄, R_{1'}, R_{2'}, and R₆₀ for each occurrence, independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or $-(CH_2)_m-$ R₈₀;

R₅, and R₇, for each occurrence, independently represent halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or $-(CH_2)_m-$ R₈₀;

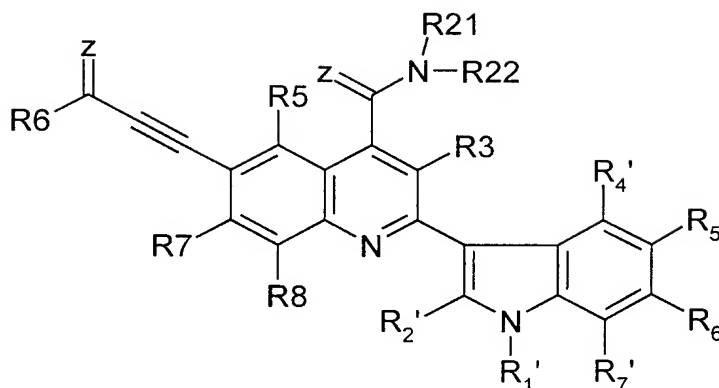
the B-ring of the 2-quinolinyl moiety may be unsubstituted beyond the alkynyl group or substituted between one and three times inclusive by R₅;

the B-ring of the 3-indolyl moiety may be unsubstituted or substituted between one and four times inclusive by R₇;

R₈₀ represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

In preferred embodiments, R₆₀ represents alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, or $-C(Z)-R_6$; where R₆ is selected from the group comprising NHR, N(R)₂, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl; Z independently for each occurrence represents (R)₂, O, S, or NR; and R is H or a lower alkyl.

In more preferred embodiments, the subject antibacterial compounds are represented by the following general formula:



wherein

Z independently for each occurrence represents (R)₂, O, S, or NR;

5 R₅, R₇, and R₈ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, heteroalkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, -CO₂R, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, preferably a trihalogenated methyl);

10 R₆ is selected from the group comprising NHR, N(R)₂, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl;

R₁' represents H, alkyl, aryl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, -(CH₂)_nN(Phth), or -(CH₂)_nN(R)₂; wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

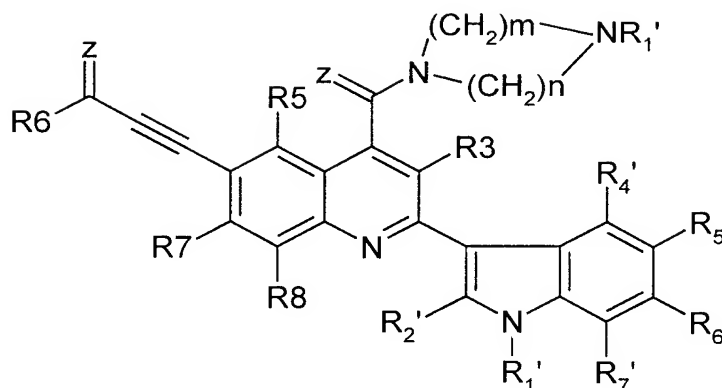
R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or aryl;

15 R₄', R₅', R₆' and R₇' independently for each occurrence represent H, a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, preferably a trihalogenated methyl), -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl; and

20 R₂₁ and R₂₂ independently for each occurrence represent H, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀, and more preferably -(CH₂)_nN(R₁')₂, wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄CH₂N(R₁')₂, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-C₆H₄CH₂N(R₁')₂, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄O(R_{1ortho-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄OMe, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄OH, (2-benzimidazolyl)CH₂-, 2-, 3-, or 4-(R₁')Ophenyl, 2-, 3-, or 4-methoxyphenyl, 2-, 3-, or 4-hydroxyphenyl, or 2-, 3-, or 4-((R₁')₂NCH₂)cyclohexylmethyl, or 2-, 3-, or 4-((R₁')₂N)cyclohexylmethyl; or N(R₂₁)R₂₂ taken together represent a heterocycle comprising from 4 to 8 members inclusive.}

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In additional preferred embodiments, the subject antibacterial compounds are represented by the following general formula:



wherein

Z independently for each occurrence represents $(R)_2$, O, S, or NR;

5 R_5 , R_7 , and R_8 independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, heteroalkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, -CO₂R, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, preferably a trihalogenated methyl);

10 R_6 is selected from the group comprising NHR, $N(R)_2$, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl;

R_1' represents H, alkyl, aryl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, $-(CH_2)_nN(\text{Phth})$, or $-(CH_2)_nN(R)_2$ wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

R_2' and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or aryl;

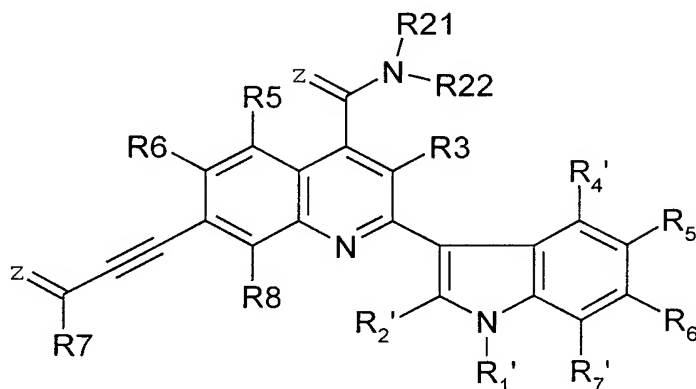
15 R_4' , R_5' , R_6' and R_7' independently for each occurrence represent H, a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, preferably a trihalogenated methyl), -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl; and

m and n are integers independently selected from the range 1 to 4 inclusive.

20 The preferred subclasses of compounds described above comprises compounds with minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) below 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against certain Gram-positive bacteria, especially methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, ciprofloxacin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus* spp., or *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. Additionally, members of this subclass of compounds have MIC values less than 7 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ or even less than 1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against such bacteria, particularly against methicillin- and/or

25 ciprofloxacin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*.

In more preferred embodiments, the subject antibacterial compounds are represented by the following general formula:



5 wherein

Z independently for each occurrence represents (R)₂, O, S, or NR;

10 R₅, R₆, and R₈ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, heteroalkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, -CO₂R, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, preferably a trihalogenated methyl);

R₇ is selected from the group comprising NHR, N(R)₂, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl;

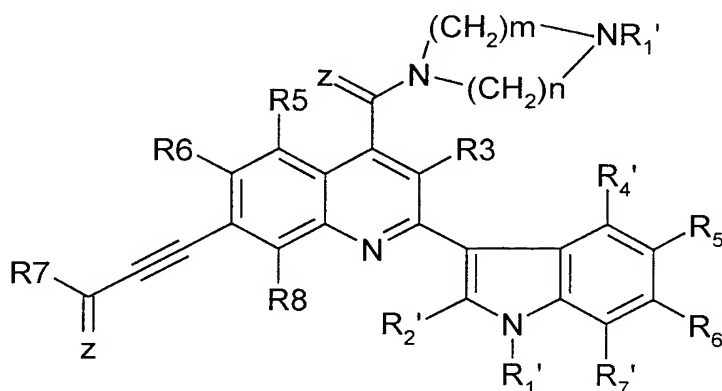
R₁' represents H, alkyl, aryl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, -(CH₂)_nN(Phth), or -(CH₂)_nN(R)₂; wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

15 R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or aryl;

R₄', R₅', R₆' and R₇' independently for each occurrence represent H, a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, preferably a trihalogenated methyl), -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl; and

20 R₂₁ and R₂₂ independently for each occurrence represent H, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀, and more preferably -(CH₂)_nN(R₁')₂, wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄CH₂N(R₁')₂, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-C₆H₄CH₂N(R₁')₂, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄O(R_{1ortho-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄OMe, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄OH, (2-benzimidazolyl)CH₂-, 2-, 3-, or 4-(R₁')Ophenyl, 2-, 3-, or 4-methoxyphenyl, 2-, 3-, or 4-hydroxyphenyl, or 2-, 3-, or 4-((R₁')₂NCH₂)cyclohexylmethyl, or 2-, 3-, or 4-((R₁')₂N)cyclohexylmethyl; or N(R₂₁)R₂₂ taken together represent a heterocycle comprising from 4 to 8 members inclusive.}

In additional preferred embodiments, the subject antibacterial compounds are represented by the following general formula:



5 wherein

Z independently for each occurrence represents (R)₂, O, S, or NR;

10 R₅, R₆, and R₈ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, heteroalkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, -CO₂R, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, preferably a trihalogenated methyl);

R₇ is selected from the group comprising NHR, N(R)₂, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl;

R₁' represents H, alkyl, aryl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, -(CH₂)_nN(Phth), or -(CH₂)_nN(R)₂ wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

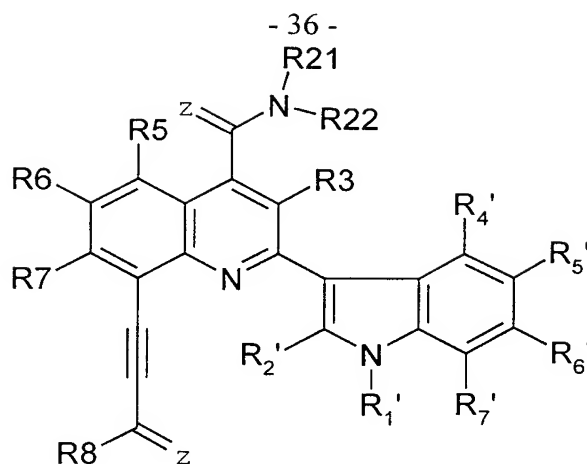
15 R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or aryl;

R₄', R₅', R₆' and R₇' independently for each occurrence represent H, a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, preferably a trihalogenated methyl), -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl; and

m and n are integers independently selected from the range 1 to 4 inclusive.

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In further preferred embodiments, the subject antibacterial compounds are represented by the following general formula:



wherein

Z independently for each occurrence represents (R)₂, O, S, or NR;

R₅, R₆, and R₇ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, heteroalkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, -CO₂R, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, preferably a trihalogenated methyl);

R₈ is selected from the group comprising NHR, N(R)₂, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl;

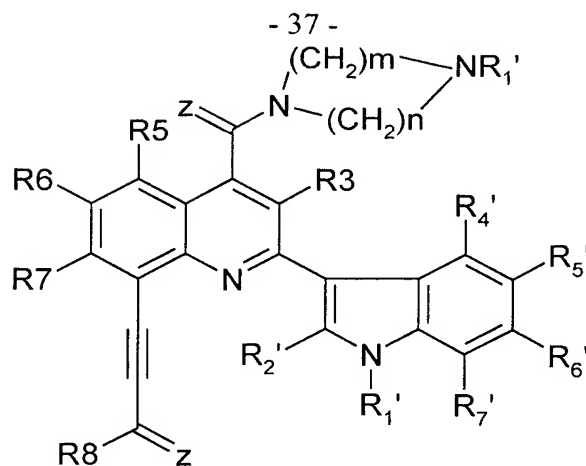
R₁' represents H, alkyl, aryl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, -(CH₂)_nN(Phth), or -(CH₂)_nN(R)₂ wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or aryl;

R₄', R₅', R₆' and R₇' independently for each occurrence represent H, a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, preferably a trihalogenated methyl), -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl; and

R₂₁ and R₂₂ independently for each occurrence represent H, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀, and more preferably -(CH₂)_nN(R₁')₂, wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄CH₂N(R₁')₂, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-C₆H₄CH₂N(R₁')₂, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄O(R_{1ortho-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄OMe, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄OH, (2-benzimidazolyl)CH₂-, 2-, 3-, or 4-(R₁')Ophenyl, 2-, 3-, or 4-methoxyphenyl, 2-, 3-, or 4-hydroxyphenyl, or 2-, 3-, or 4-((R₁')₂NCH₂)cyclohexylmethyl, or 2-, 3-, or 4-((R₁')₂N)cyclohexylmethyl; or N(R₂₁)R₂₂ taken together represent a heterocycle comprising from 4 to 8 members inclusive.}

In additional preferred embodiments, the subject antibacterial compounds are represented by the following general formula:



wherein

Z independently for each occurrence represents (R)₂, O, S, or NR;

R₅, R₆, and R₇ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, heteroalkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, -CO₂R, or a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, preferably a trihalogenated methyl);

R₈ is selected from the group comprising NHR, N(R)₂, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl;

R₁' represents H, alkyl, aryl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, -(CH₂)_nN(Phth), or -(CH₂)_nN(R)₂ wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or aryl;

R₄', R₅', R₆' and R₇' independently for each occurrence represent H, a small hydrophobic moiety (e.g. a halogen or a halogenated alkyl, preferably a trihalogenated methyl), -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl; and

m and n are integers independently selected from the range 1 to 4 inclusive.

The antibacterial properties of the compounds of the present invention may be determined from a bacterial lysis assay, as well as by other methods, including, *inter alia*, growth inhibition assays (e.g., such as described by Blondelie et al. (1992) Biochemistry 31:12688), fluorescence-based bacterial viability assays (e.g., Molecular Probes BacLight), flow cytometry analyses (Arroyo et al. (1995) J. Virol. 69: 4095-4102), and other standard assays known to those skilled in the art.

The assays for growth inhibition of a microbial target can be used to derive an ED₅₀ value for the compound, that is, the concentration of compound required to kill 50% of the microbial sample being tested.

Alternatively, growth inhibition by an antimicrobial compound of the invention may also be characterized in terms of the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC), which is the concentration of compound required to achieve inhibition of microbial cell growth. Such values are well known to those in the art as representative of the effectiveness of a particular antimicrobial agent (e.g., an antibiotic) against a particular organism or group of organisms. For instance, cytolysis of a bacterial population by an antimicrobial compound can also be characterized, as described above by the minimum inhibitory concentration, which is the concentration required to reduce the viable bacterial population by 99.9%. The value of MIC₅₀ can also be used, defined as the concentration of a compound required to reduce the viable bacterial population by 50%. In preferred embodiments, the compounds of the present invention are selected for use based, *inter alia*, on having MIC values of less than 25 µg/mL, more preferably less than 7 µg/mL, and even more preferably less than 1 µg/mL against a desired bacterial target, e.g., a Gram positive bacteria such as methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, ciprofloxacin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, or *Streptococcus pneumoniae*.

Another parameter useful in identifying and measuring the effectiveness of the antimicrobial compounds of the invention is the determination of the kinetics of the antimicrobial activity of a compound. Such a determination can be made by determining antimicrobial activity as a function of time. In a preferred embodiment, the compounds display kinetics which result in efficient lysis of a microorganism. In a preferred embodiment, the compounds are bacteriocidal.

Furthermore, the preferred antimicrobial compounds of the invention display selective toxicity to target microorganisms and minimal toxicity to mammalian cells. Determination of the toxic dose (or "LD₅₀") can be carried using protocols well known in the field of pharmacology. Ascertaining the effect of a compound of the invention on mammalian cells is preferably performed using tissue culture assays, e.g., the present compounds can be evaluated according to standard methods known to those skilled in that art (see for example Gootz, T. D. (1990) Clin. Microbiol. Rev. 3:13-31). For mammalian cells, such assay methods include, *inter alia*, trypan blue exclusion and MTT assays (Moore et al. (1994) Compound Research 7:265-269). Where a specific cell type may release a specific metabolite upon changes in membrane permeability, that specific metabolite may be assayed, e.g., the release of hemoglobin upon the lysis of red blood cells (Srinivas et al. (1992) J. Biol. Chem. 267:7121-7127). The compounds of the invention are preferably tested against primary cells, e.g., using human skin fibroblasts (HSF) or fetal equine kidney (FEK) cell cultures, or other primary cell cultures routinely used by those skilled in the art. Permanent cell lines may also be used, e.g., Jurkat cells. In preferred embodiments, the subject compounds are selected for use in animals, or animal cell/tissue culture based at least in part on having LD₅₀'s at least one order of magnitude greater than the MIC or ED₅₀ as the case may be, and even more preferably at least two, three and even four orders of magnitude greater. That is, in preferred embodiments where the subject compounds are to be administered to an

animal, a suitable therapeutic index is preferably greater than 10, and more preferably greater than 10, 1000 or even 10,000.

Antibacterial assays for the compounds of the invention can be performed to determine the bacterial activity toward both Gram-positive and Gram-negative microorganisms. Typical Gram-negative pathogens which may be sensitive to the antibacterial agents of the present invention can include, for example, species of genus *Escherichia*, genus *Enterobacter*, genus *Klebsiella*, genus *Serratia*, genus *Proteus* and genus *Pseudomonas*. For example, the subject compositions and methods can be used as part of treatment and prevention regimens for infections by some of the most frequently encountered Gram-negative and Gram-positive organisms, including those involving *Escherichia coli* (*E. Coli*), *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (*K. pneumoniae*), *Serratia marcescens*, *Enterobacter aerogenes* and *Enterobacter cloacae* (*E. aerogenes* and *E. cloacae*), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (*P. aeruginosa*), *Neisseria meningitidis* (*N. meningitidis*), Group B *Streptococcus aureus* and *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Corynebacter diphtheriae*, *Gardniera vaginalis*, *Actinobacter* spp., *Bordella pertussis*, *Haemophilus aegyptius*, *Haemophilus influenza*, *Haemophilus ducreyi*, *Shigella* spp, *Serratia* spp., and *Propionibacterium acnes*.

The above list of pathogens is purely illustrative and is in no way to be interpreted as restrictive.

Examples of conditions which can be treated include illnesses of the respiratory passages and of the pharyngeal cavity; otitis, pharyngitis, pneumonia, peritonitis, pyelonephritis, cystitis, endocarditis, systemic infections, bronchitis, arthritis, local inflammations, skin infections, conjunctivitis, and infections of any surgically created vascular access for the purpose of hemodialysis.

The antibiotics of the present invention can also be used prophylactically in animal breeding and livestock husbandry, and as an agents for promoting and accelerating growth and for improving feedstuff utilization in both healthy and sick animals.

In preferred embodiments, the antibacterial agents of the present invention are selected based on their ability to inhibit growth of Gram-positive bacteria. Such Gram-positive bacteria include bacteria from the following species: *Staphylococcus*, *Streptococcus*, *Micrococcus*, *Peptococcus*, *Peptostreptococcus*, *Enterococcus*, *Bacillus*, *Clostridium*, *Lactobacillus*, *Listeria*, *Erysipelothrix*, *Propionibacterium*, *Eubacterium*, and *Corynebacterium*.

A variety of Gram-positive organisms are capable of causing sepsis. The most common organisms involved in sepsis are *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, coagulase-negative staphylococci, beta-hemolytic streptococci, and enterococci, but any Gram-positive organism may be involved. (see, e.g., Bone, (1993) *J. Critical Care* 8:51-59). Thus, it is specifically contemplated that the subject compositions and methods can be used as part of a therapeutic treatment or prevention program for sepsis involving Gram-positive bacteria.

Accordingly, in one embodiment, *S. aureus* is used as a model of a Gram-positive microorganism in testing/selecting the compounds of the present invention. This bacteria is also a significant clinical target as well because it is refractive to most systemic antibiotic treatments. *Staphylococcus aureus* is the most frequent cause of skin, wound, and blood infections and the second most frequent cause of lower respiratory tract infections, and the microorganism tends to prey on immunocompromised and institutionalized patients. Thus, the subject compounds can be used to treat such infections caused by *Staphylococcus*, as well as in the treatment of conjunctivitis, outer ear infections and the like.

One of the key contributors to the increase in mortality and morbidity due to bacterial infections is the increasing prevalence of drug-resistant bacteria. Examples of the seriousness of antibiotic resistance are methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA), ciprofloxacin-resistant *S. aureus* (CRSA), and the emergence of vancomycin-resistant *S. aureus* which have become resistant to virtually all currently used antibiotics. Thus, methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* may also be used as an antibiotic-resistant model organism for selecting the subject compounds. In a preferred embodiment, the antibacterial agents of the present invention can be used in the treatment and/or prevention of endocarditis, e.g., which may be caused by MRSA or CRSA.

The heavy use of vancomycin to treat MRSA infections has in turn contributed to the emergence of new strains of enterococci, the third most prevalent cause of bacterial infection in the U.S., which are resistant to vancomycin. Enterococcus causes as many as 15 percent of bacterial endocarditis cases; it is also the cause of meningitis, and infections in the urinary tract, stomach and intestines. Infections caused by these vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE) frequently do not respond to any current therapies, and in many cases prove fatal. Accordingly, the subject compounds can be selected using an assay based on *E. faecalis* sensitivity, and in particular, the vancomycin-resistant isolates found in clinical settings such as a hospital.

The subject compositions may also be selected for treatment of infection by Streptococcus. Streptococcus species are found associated in a great variety of pathologic conditions among which are gangrene, puerperal infections, subacute bacterial endocarditis, septic sore throat, rheumatic fever, and pneumonia. Agents which are active against Streptococcus species are, therefore, greatly needed.

To further illustrate, *E. coli* and *P. aeruginosa* are examples of Gram-negative organisms which may be sensitive to the subject antibacterial agents. *P. aeruginosa* is a particularly problematic source of disease in such conditions as lung infections in patients with cystic fibrosis, burn infections, eye and urinary tract infections, and infection with *P. aeruginosa* may result in serious septicemia. Moreover, imipenem-resistant *P. aeruginosa* are increasing in the clinical field. Enteropathogenic *E. coli* are responsible for outbreaks of diarrhea in infants and newborns, and diarrhea, including "traveler's diarrhea", in adults. *E. coli* may be invasive and toxin-producing, causing sometimes fatal infections, such as cystitis, pyelitis, pyelonephritis, appendicitis, peritonitis, gallbladder infection, septicemia, meningitis and endocarditis.

In still other embodiments, the subject compounds can be used in the treatment of infections caused by *Serratia spp.* For instance, *S. marcescens* is a source of ophthalmic and other topical infections, and can be readily provided in assays intended to identify those compounds of the present invention which are bactericidal at suitable concentrations against that bacteria.

The subject compounds may also be used in the treatment of external ear infections (otitis externa), or in the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases such as *Niesseria gonorrhea* and trichomonas infections.

Certain compounds according to the invention may also be selected on the basis of their activity against typical and atypical Mycobacteria and *Helicobacter pylori*, and also against bacteria-like microorganisms, such as, for example, Mycoplasma and Rickettsia. They are therefore particularly suitable in human and veterinary medicine for the prophylaxis and chemotherapy of local and systemic infections caused by these pathogens. *Mycobacterium bovis*, like *M. tuberculosis*, *M. africanum*, *M. ulcerans*, and *M. leprae*, is a strict pathogen. *M. bovis* is a significant patbogen throughout much of the world, causing tuberculosis, primarily in cattle.

In other embodiments, the subject compositions can be used in the treatment/prevention of infection by Salmonella. Salmonella spp. cause food poisoning, resulting in nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and sometimes-fatal septicemia. For instance, *S. typhi* is the etiological agent of typhoid fever.

The compositions and methods of the present invention may also be useful in the treatment of infection by Shigella. Shigella spp., including *S. dysenteriae*, are common waterborne pathogenic agents, causing bacillary dysentery as well as bacteremia and pneumonia. In the United States and Canada, *S. sonnei* and *S. flexneri* have become the most common etiological agents in bacillary dysentery.

Bacteria of the genus Yersinia are also pathogens which may be treated by the subject compositions. *Y. Enterocolitica*, for example, is an enteric pathogen. Infection with this microorganism causes severe diarrhea, gastroenteritis and other types of infections such as bacteremia, peritonitis, cholecystitis, visceral abscesses, and mesenteric lymphadenitis. Septicemia with 50% mortality has been reported. *Y. pestis* is the etiologic agent of bubonic, pneumonic, and septicemic plague in humans.

The subject compositions can be used for sterilization of surfaces such as countertops, surgical instruments, bandages, and skin; as pharmaceutical compositions, including by way of example creams, lotions, ointments, or solutions for external application to skin and mucosal surfaces, including the cornea, dermal cuts and abrasions, burns, and sites of bacterial or fungal infection; as pharmaceutical compositions, including by way of example creams, lotions, ointments, emulsions, liposome dispersions, tablets, or solutions, for administration to internal

mucosal surfaces such as the oral cavity or vagina to inhibit the growth of bacteria (or other microorganisms); and as pharmaceutical compositions such as creams, gels, or ointments for coating indwelling invasive devices such as intravenous lines and catheters and similar implants which are susceptible to harboring bacteria.

5 The subject compositions are also useful for sterilization of *in vitro* tissue and cell culture media.

 The preparations of the present invention may be given orally, parenterally, topically, or rectally. They are of course given by forms suitable for each administration route. For example, they are administered in tablets or capsule form, by injection, inhalation, eye lotion, ointment, 10 suppository, etc. administration by injection, infusion or inhalation; topical by lotion or ointment; and rectal by suppositories. Oral and topical administrations are preferred.

 The phrases "parenteral administration" and "administered parenterally" as used herein means modes of administration other than enteral and topical administration, usually by injection, and includes, without limitation, intravenous, intramuscular, intraarterial, intrathecal, 15 intracapsular, intraorbital, intracardiac, intradermal, intraperitoneal, transtracheal, subcutaneous, subcuticular, intraarticular, subcapsular, subarachnoid, intraspinal and intrasternal injection and infusion.

 The phrases "systemic administration," "administered systemically," "peripheral administration" and "administered peripherally" as used herein mean the administration of a 20 compound, drug or other material other than directly into the central nervous system, such that it enters the patient's system and, thus, is subject to metabolism and other like processes, for example, subcutaneous administration.

 These compounds may be administered to humans and other animals for therapy by any suitable route of administration, including orally, nasally, as by, for example, a spray, rectally, 25 intravaginally, parenterally, intracisternally and topically, as by powders, ointments or drops, including buccally and sublingually.

 Regardless of the route of administration selected, the compounds of the present invention, which may be used in a suitable hydrated form, and/or the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention, are formulated into pharmaceutically-acceptable dosage 30 forms such as described below or by other conventional methods known to those of skill in the art.

 Actual dosage levels of the active ingredients in the pharmaceutical compositions of this invention may be varied so as to obtain an amount of the active ingredient which is effective to achieve the desired therapeutic response for a particular patient, composition, and mode of 35 administration, without being toxic to the patient.

The selected dosage level will depend upon a variety of factors including the activity of the particular compound of the present invention employed, or the ester, salt or amide prodrugs thereof, the route of administration, the time of administration, the rate of excretion of the particular compound being employed, the duration of the treatment, other drugs, compounds and/or materials used in combination with the particular antibacterial employed, the age, sex, weight, condition, general health and prior medical history of the patient being treated, and like factors well known in the medical arts.

A physician or veterinarian having ordinary skill in the art can readily determine and prescribe the effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition required. For example, the physician or veterinarian could start doses of the compounds of the invention employed in the pharmaceutical composition at levels lower than that required in order to achieve the desired therapeutic effect and gradually increase the dosage until the desired effect is achieved.

In general, a suitable daily dose of a compound of the invention will be that amount of the compound which is the lowest dose effective to produce a therapeutic effect. Such an effective dose will generally depend upon the factors described above. Generally, intravenous, intracerebroventricular, subcutaneous, and topical doses of the compounds of this invention for a patient, when used for the indicated antibacterial effects, will range from about 0.0001 to about 100 mg per kilogram of body weight per day.

If desired, the effective daily dose of the active compound may be administered as two, three, four, five, six or more sub-doses administered separately at appropriate intervals throughout the day, optionally, in unit dosage forms.

The term "treatment" is intended to encompass also prophylaxis, therapy and cure.

The patient receiving this treatment is any animal in need, including primates, and in particular humans, and other mammals such as equines, cattle, swine and sheep; and poultry and pets in general.

The compound of the invention can be administered as such or in admixtures with pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and can also be administered in conjunction with other antimicrobial agents such as penicillins, cephalosporins, aminoglycosides and glycopeptides. Conjunctive therapy, thus includes sequential, simultaneous and separate administration of the active compound in a way that the therapeutical effects of the first administered compound has not entirely disappeared when the subsequent compound is administered.

III. Pharmaceutical Compositions

While it is possible for a compound of the present invention to be administered alone, it is preferable to administer the compound as a pharmaceutical formulation (composition). The

antibiotic compounds according to the invention may be formulated for administration in any convenient way for use in human or veterinary medicine, by analogy with other antibiotics.

Thus, another aspect of the present invention provides pharmaceutically acceptable compositions comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of one or more of the compounds described above, formulated together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers (additives) and/or diluents. As described in detail below, the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention may be specially formulated for administration in solid or liquid form, including those adapted for the following: (1) oral administration, for example, drenches (aqueous or non-aqueous solutions or suspensions), tablets, boluses, powders, granules, pastes for application to the tongue; (2) parenteral administration, for example, by subcutaneous, intramuscular or intravenous injection as, for example, a sterile solution or suspension; (3) topical application, for example, as a cream, ointment or spray applied to the skin; or (4) intravaginally or intrarectally, for example, as a pessary, cream or foam. However, in certain embodiments the subject compounds may be simply dissolved or suspended in sterile water.

The phrase "therapeutically-effective amount" as used herein means that amount of a compound, material, or composition comprising a compound of the present invention which is effective for producing some desired therapeutic effect by inhibiting bacterial cell growth when administered to an animal, at a reasonable benefit/risk ratio applicable to any medical treatment.

The phrase "pharmaceutically acceptable" is employed herein to refer to those compounds, materials, compositions, and/or dosage forms which are, within the scope of sound medical judgment, suitable for use in contact with the tissues of human beings and animals without excessive toxicity, irritation, allergic response, or other problem or complication, commensurate with a reasonable benefit/risk ratio.

The phrase "pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier" as used herein means a pharmaceutically-acceptable material, composition or vehicle, such as a liquid or solid filler, diluent, excipient, solvent or encapsulating material, involved in carrying or transporting the subject antibacterial agent from one organ, or portion of the body, to another organ, or portion of the body. Each carrier must be "acceptable" in the sense of being compatible with the other ingredients of the formulation and not injurious to the patient. Some examples of materials which can serve as pharmaceutically-acceptable carriers include: (1) sugars, such as lactose, glucose and sucrose; (2) starches, such as corn starch and potato starch; (3) cellulose, and its derivatives, such as sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, ethyl cellulose and cellulose acetate; (4) powdered tragacanth; (5) malt; (6) gelatin; (7) talc; (8) excipients, such as cocoa butter and suppository waxes; (9) oils, such as peanut oil, cottonseed oil, safflower oil, sesame oil, olive oil, corn oil and soybean oil; (10) glycols, such as propylene glycol; (11) polyols, such as glycerin, sorbitol, mannitol and polyethylene glycol; (12) esters, such as ethyl oleate and ethyl laurate; (13) agar; (14) buffering agents, such as magnesium hydroxide and aluminum hydroxide; (15) alginic acid; (16) pyrogen-free water; (17) isotonic saline; (18) Ringer's solution; (19) ethyl

alcohol; (20) phosphate buffer solutions; and (21) other non-toxic compatible substances employed in pharmaceutical formulations.

As set out above, certain embodiments of the present antibacterials may contain a basic functional group, such as amino or alkylamino, and are, thus, capable of forming pharmaceutically-acceptable salts with pharmaceutically-acceptable acids. The term "pharmaceutically-acceptable salts" in this respect, refers to the relatively non-toxic, inorganic and organic acid addition salts of compounds of the present invention. These salts can be prepared *in situ* during the final isolation and purification of the compounds of the invention, or by separately reacting a purified compound of the invention in its free base form with a suitable organic or inorganic acid, and isolating the salt thus formed. Representative salts include the hydrobromide, hydrochloride, sulfate, bisulfate, phosphate, nitrate, acetate, valerate, oleate, palmitate, stearate, laurate, benzoate, lactate, phosphate, tosylate, citrate, maleate, fumarate, succinate, tartrate, naphthylate, mesylate, glucoheptonate, lactobionate, and laurylsulphonate salts and the like. (See, for example, Berge et al. (1977) "Pharmaceutical Salts", *J. Pharm. Sci.* 66:1-19)

The pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the subject compounds include the conventional nontoxic salts or quaternary ammonium salts of the compounds, e.g., from non-toxic organic or inorganic acids. For example, such conventional nontoxic salts include those derived from inorganic acids such as hydrochloride, hydrobromic, sulfuric, sulfamic, phosphoric, nitric, and the like; and the salts prepared from organic acids such as acetic, propionic, succinic, glycolic, stearic, lactic, malic, tartaric, citric, ascorbic, palmitic, maleic, hydroxymaleic, phenylacetic, glutamic, benzoic, salicylic, sulfanilic, 2-acetoxybenzoic, fumaric, toluenesulfonic, methanesulfonic, ethane disulfonic, oxalic, isothionic, and the like.

In other cases, the compounds of the present invention may contain one or more acidic functional groups and, thus, are capable of forming pharmaceutically-acceptable salts with pharmaceutically-acceptable bases. The term "pharmaceutically-acceptable salts" in these instances refers to the relatively non-toxic, inorganic and organic base addition salts of compounds of the present invention. These salts can likewise be prepared *in situ* during the final isolation and purification of the compounds, or by separately reacting the purified compound in its free acid form with a suitable base, such as the hydroxide, carbonate or bicarbonate of a pharmaceutically-acceptable metal cation, with ammonia, or with a pharmaceutically-acceptable organic primary, secondary or tertiary amine. Representative alkali or alkaline earth salts include the lithium, sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and aluminum salts and the like. Representative organic amines useful for the formation of base addition salts include ethylamine, diethylamine, ethylenediamine, ethanolamine, diethanolamine, piperazine and the like. (See, for example, Berge et al., *supra*)

Wetting agents, emulsifiers and lubricants, such as sodium lauryl sulfate, magnesium stearate, and polyethylene oxide-polypropylene oxide copolymer as well as coloring agents,

release agents, coating agents, sweetening, flavoring and perfuming agents, preservatives and antioxidants can also be present in the compositions.

Examples of pharmaceutically-acceptable antioxidants include: (1) water soluble antioxidants, such as ascorbic acid, cysteine hydrochloride, sodium bisulfate, sodium metabisulfite, sodium sulfite and the like; (2) oil-soluble antioxidants, such as ascorbyl palmitate, butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT), lecithin, propyl gallate, alpha-tocopherol, and the like; and (3) metal chelating agents, such as citric acid, ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA), sorbitol, tartaric acid, phosphoric acid, and the like.

Formulations of the present invention include those suitable for oral, nasal, topical (including buccal and sublingual), rectal, vaginal and/or parenteral administration. The formulations may conveniently be presented in unit dosage form and may be prepared by any methods well known in the art of pharmacy. The amount of active ingredient which can be combined with a carrier material to produce a single dosage form will vary depending upon the host being treated, the particular mode of administration. The amount of active ingredient which can be combined with a carrier material to produce a single dosage form will generally be that amount of the compound which produces a therapeutic effect. Generally, out of one hundred per cent, this amount will range from about 1 per cent to about ninety-nine percent of active ingredient, preferably from about 5 per cent to about 70 per cent, most preferably from about 10 per cent to about 30 per cent.

Methods of preparing these formulations or compositions include the step of bringing into association a compound of the present invention with the carrier and, optionally, one or more accessory ingredients. In general, the formulations are prepared by uniformly and intimately bringing into association a compound of the present invention with liquid carriers, or finely divided solid carriers, or both, and then, if necessary, shaping the product.

Formulations of the invention suitable for oral administration may be in the form of capsules, cachets, pills, tablets, lozenges (using a flavored basis, usually sucrose and acacia or tragacanth), powders, granules, or as a solution or a suspension in an aqueous or non-aqueous liquid, or as an oil-in-water or water-in-oil liquid emulsion, or as an elixir or syrup, or as pastilles (using an inert base, such as gelatin and glycerin, or sucrose and acacia) and/or as mouth washes and the like, each containing a predetermined amount of a compound of the present invention as an active ingredient. A compound of the present invention may also be administered as a bolus, electuary or paste.

In solid dosage forms of the invention for oral administration (capsules, tablets, pills, dragees, powders, granules and the like), the active ingredient is mixed with one or more pharmaceutically-acceptable carriers, such as sodium citrate or dicalcium phosphate, and/or any of the following: (1) fillers or extenders, such as starches, lactose, sucrose, glucose, mannitol, and/or silicic acid; (2) binders, such as, for example, carboxymethylcellulose, alginates, gelatin,

polyvinyl pyrrolidone, sucrose and/or acacia; (3) humectants, such as glycerol; (4) disintegrating agents, such as agar-agar, calcium carbonate, potato or tapioca starch, alginic acid, certain silicates, sodium carbonate, and sodium starch glycolate; (5) solution retarding agents, such as paraffin; (6) absorption accelerators, such as quaternary ammonium compounds; (7) wetting agents, such as, for example, cetyl alcohol, glycerol monostearate, and polyethylene oxide-polypropylene oxide copolymer; (8) absorbents, such as kaolin and bentonite clay; (9) lubricants, such a talc, calcium stearate, magnesium stearate, solid polyethylene glycols, sodium lauryl sulfate, and mixtures thereof; and (10) coloring agents. In the case of capsules, tablets and pills, the pharmaceutical compositions may also comprise buffering agents. Solid compositions of a similar type may also be employed as fillers in soft and hard-filled gelatin capsules using such excipients as lactose or milk sugars, as well as high molecular weight polyethylene glycols and the like.

A tablet may be made by compression or molding, optionally with one or more accessory ingredients. Compressed tablets may be prepared using binder (for example, gelatin or hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose), lubricant, inert diluent, preservative, disintegrant (for example, sodium starch glycolate or cross-linked sodium carboxymethyl cellulose), surface-active or dispersing agent. Molded tablets may be made by molding in a suitable machine a mixture of the powdered compound moistened with an inert liquid diluent.

The tablets, and other solid dosage forms of the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention, such as dragees, capsules, pills and granules, may optionally be scored or prepared with coatings and shells, such as enteric coatings and other coatings well known in the pharmaceutical-formulating art. They may also be formulated so as to provide slow or controlled release of the active ingredient therein using, for example, hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose in varying proportions to provide the desired release profile. other polymer matrices, liposomes and/or microspheres. They may be sterilized by, for example, filtration through a bacteria-retaining filter, or by incorporating sterilizing agents in the form of sterile solid compositions which can be dissolved in sterile water, or some other sterile injectable medium immediately before use. These compositions may also optionally contain opacifying agents and may be of a composition that they release the active ingredient(s) only, or preferentially, in a certain portion of the gastrointestinal tract, optionally, in a delayed manner. Examples of embedding compositions which can be used include polymeric substances and waxes. The active ingredient can also be in micro-encapsulated form, if appropriate, with one or more of the above-described excipients.

Liquid dosage forms for oral administration of the compounds of the invention include pharmaceutically acceptable emulsions, microemulsions, solutions, suspensions, syrups and elixirs. In addition to the active ingredient, the liquid dosage forms may contain inert diluents commonly used in the art, such as, for example, water or other solvents, solubilizing agents and emulsifiers, such as ethyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, ethyl carbonate, ethyl acetate, benzyl

alcohol, benzyl benzoate, propylene glycol, 1,3-butylene glycol, oils (in particular, cottonseed, groundnut, corn, germ, olive, castor and sesame oils), glycerol, tetrahydrofuryl alcohol, polyethylene glycols and fatty acid esters of sorbitan, and mixtures thereof. Additionally, cyclodextrins, e.g. hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin, may be used to solubilize compounds.

5 Besides inert diluents, the oral compositions can also include adjuvants such as wetting agents, emulsifying and suspending agents, sweetening, flavoring, coloring, perfuming and preservative agents.

10 Suspensions, in addition to the active compounds, may contain suspending agents as, for example, ethoxylated isostearyl alcohols, polyoxyethylene sorbitol and sorbitan esters, microcrystalline cellulose, aluminum metahydroxide, bentonite, agar-agar and tragacanth, and mixtures thereof.

15 Formulations of the pharmaceutical compositions of the invention for rectal or vaginal administration may be presented as a suppository, which may be prepared by mixing one or more compounds of the invention with one or more suitable nonirritating excipients or carriers comprising, for example, cocoa butter, polyethylene glycol, a suppository wax or a salicylate, and which is solid at room temperature, but liquid at body temperature and, therefore, will melt in the rectum or vaginal cavity and release the active antibacterial.

20 Formulations of the present invention which are suitable for vaginal administration also include pessaries, tampons, creams, gels, pastes, foams or spray formulations containing such carriers as are known in the art to be appropriate.

25 Dosage forms for the topical or transdermal administration of a compound of this invention include powders, sprays, ointments, pastes, creams, lotions, gels, solutions, patches and inhalants. The active compound may be mixed under sterile conditions with a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier, and with any preservatives, buffers, or propellants which may be required.

The ointments, pastes, creams and gels may contain, in addition to an active compound of this invention, excipients, such as animal and vegetable fats, oils, waxes, paraffins, starch, tragacanth, cellulose derivatives, polyethylene glycols, silicones, bentonites, silicic acid, talc and zinc oxide, or mixtures thereof.

30 Powders and sprays can contain, in addition to a compound of this invention, excipients such as lactose, talc, silicic acid, aluminum hydroxide, calcium silicates and polyamide powder, or mixtures of these substances. Sprays can additionally contain customary propellants, such as chlorofluorohydrocarbons and volatile unsubstituted hydrocarbons, such as butane and propane.

35 Transdermal patches have the added advantage of providing controlled delivery of a compound of the present invention to the body. Such dosage forms can be made by dissolving or dispersing the antibacterial in the proper medium. Absorption enhancers can also be used to

increase the flux of the antibacterial across the skin. The rate of such flux can be controlled by either providing a rate controlling membrane or dispersing the compound in a polymer matrix or gel.

5 Ophthalmic formulations, eye ointments, powders, solutions and the like, are also contemplated as being within the scope of this invention.

10 Pharmaceutical compositions of this invention suitable for parenteral administration comprise one or more compounds of the invention in combination with one or more pharmaceutically-acceptable sterile isotonic aqueous or nonaqueous solutions, dispersions, suspensions or emulsions, or sterile powders which may be reconstituted into sterile injectable solutions or dispersions just prior to use, which may contain antioxidants, buffers, bacteriostats, solutes which render the formulation isotonic with the blood of the intended recipient or suspending or thickening agents.

15 Examples of suitable aqueous and nonaqueous carriers which may be employed in the pharmaceutical compositions of the invention include water, ethanol, polyols (such as glycerol, propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, and the like), and suitable mixtures thereof, vegetable oils, such as olive oil, and injectable organic esters, such as ethyl oleate. Proper fluidity can be maintained, for example, by the use of coating materials, such as lecithin, by the maintenance of the required particle size in the case of dispersions, and by the use of surfactants. Because solutions are particularly important for intravenous administration, solubilizing agents, e.g. 20 cyclodextrins, can be used.

These compositions may also contain adjuvants such as preservatives, wetting agents, emulsifying agents and dispersing agents. Prevention of the action of microorganisms may be ensured by the inclusion of various antibacterial and antifungal agents, for example, paraben, chlorobutanol, phenol sorbic acid, and the like. It may also be desirable to include isotonic agents, such as sugars, sodium chloride, and the like into the compositions. In addition, 25 prolonged absorption of the injectable pharmaceutical form may be brought about by the inclusion of agents which delay absorption such as aluminum monostearate and gelatin.

30 In some cases, in order to prolong the effect of a drug, it is desirable to slow the absorption of the drug from subcutaneous or intramuscular injection. This may be accomplished by the use of a liquid suspension of crystalline or amorphous material having poor water solubility. The rate of absorption of the drug then depends upon its rate of dissolution which, in turn, may depend upon crystal size and crystalline form. Alternatively, delayed absorption of a parenterally-administered drug form is accomplished by dissolving or suspending the drug in an oil vehicle. One strategy for depot injections includes the use of polyethylene oxide- 35 polypropylene oxide copolymers wherein the vehicle is fluid at room temperature and solidifies at body temperature.

Injectable depot forms are made by forming microencapsule matrices of the subject compounds in biodegradable polymers such as polylactide-polyglycolide. Depending on the ratio of drug to polymer, and the nature of the particular polymer employed, the rate of drug release can be controlled. Examples of other biodegradable polymers include poly(orthoesters) and poly(anhydrides). Depot injectable formulations are also prepared by entrapping the drug in liposomes or microemulsions which are compatible with body tissue.

When the compounds of the present invention are administered as pharmaceuticals, to humans and animals, they can be given per se or as a pharmaceutical composition containing, for example, 0.1 to 99.5% (more preferably, 0.5 to 90%) of active ingredient in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

The addition of the active compound of the invention to animal feed is preferably accomplished by preparing an appropriate feed premix containing the active compound in an effective amount and incorporating the premix into the complete ration.

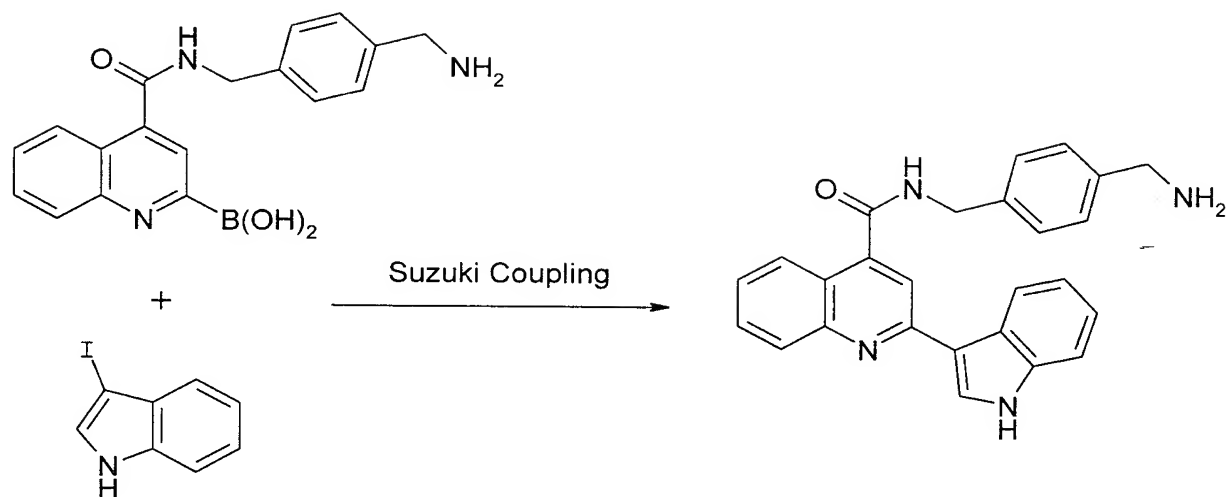
Alternatively, an intermediate concentrate or feed supplement containing the active ingredient can be blended into the feed. The way in which such feed premixes and complete rations can be prepared and administered are described in reference books (such as "Applied Animal Nutrition", W.H. Freedman and CO., San Francisco, U.S.A., 1969 or "Livestock Feeds and Feeding" O and B books, Corvallis, Ore., U.S.A., 1977).

The compounds covered in this invention may be administered alone or in combination with other antibacterial agents or in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier of diluent. The compounds of the invention may be administered intravenously, intramuscularly, intraperitoneally, subcutaneously, topically, orally, or by other acceptable means. The compounds may be used to treat bacterial infections in mammals (i.e., humans, livestock, and domestic animals), birds, lizards, and any other organism which can tolerate the compounds, and also to inhibit bacterial growth in cell culture. The compounds can also be used for effects related to their antibacterial activity such as for increasing the weight gain of livestock.

IV. Synthetic Schemes

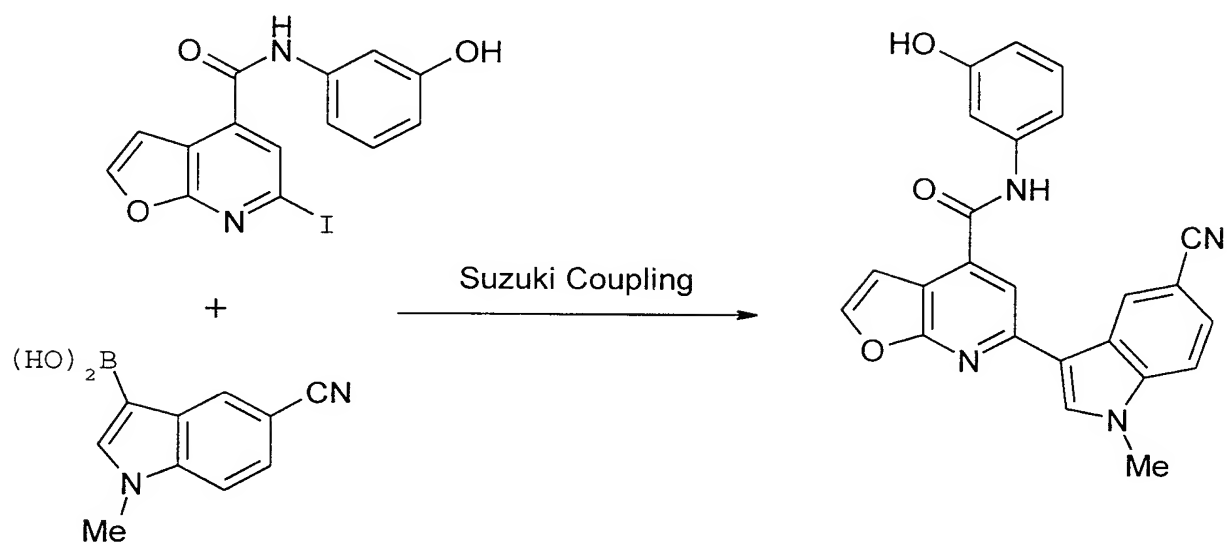
The subject quinoline-indoles, and congeners thereof, can be prepared readily from individual heterocyclic components by employing the cross-coupling technologies of Suzuki, Stille, and the like. These coupling reactions are carried out under relatively mild conditions and tolerate a wide range of "spectator" functionality. A number of illustrative examples are shown below.

a. Illustrative Suzuki Coupling #1



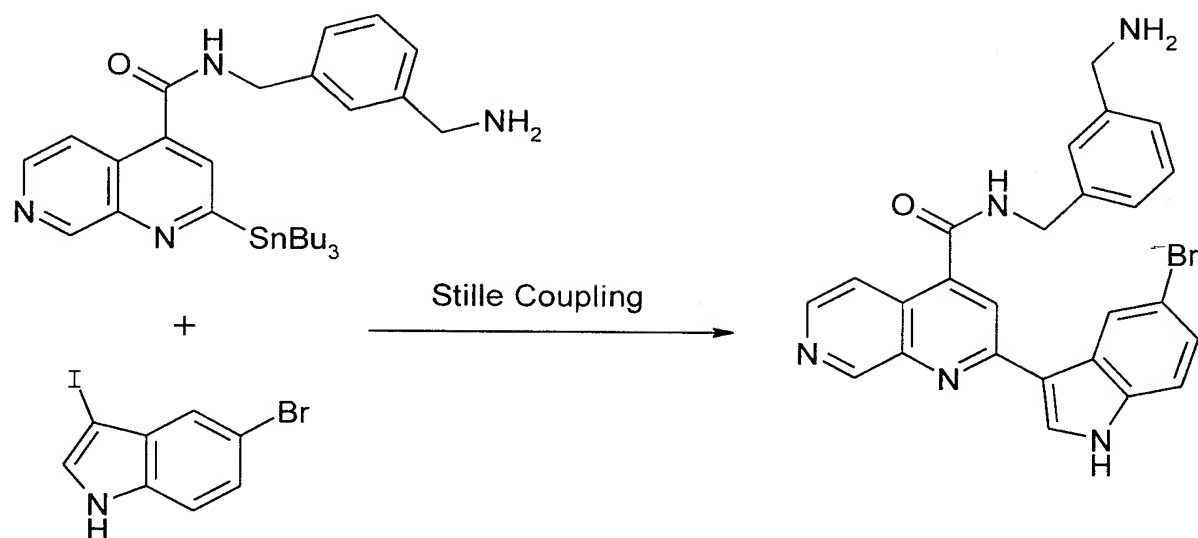
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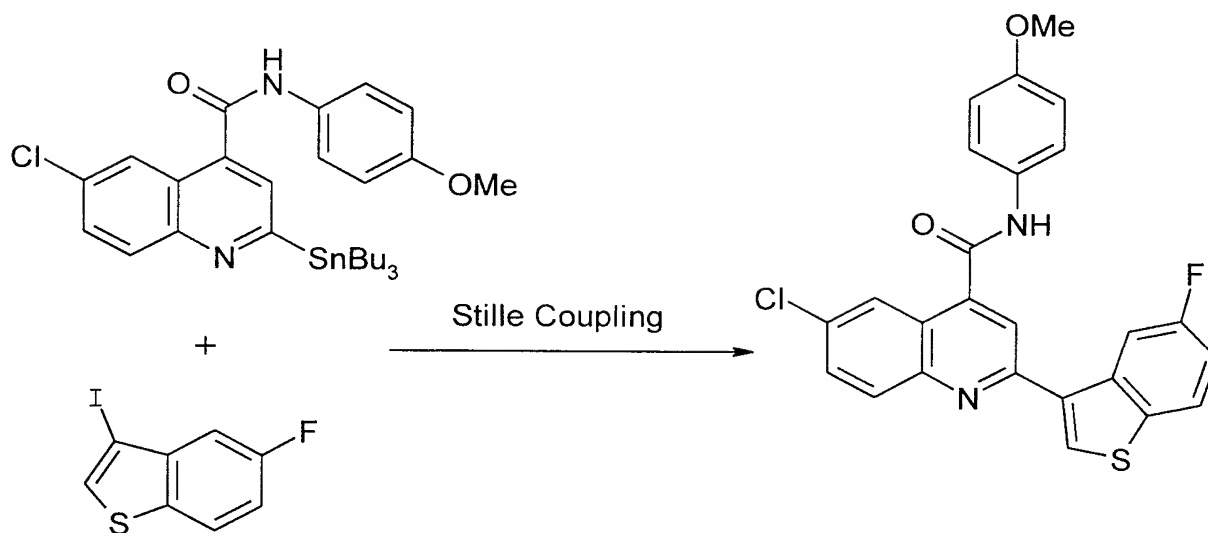


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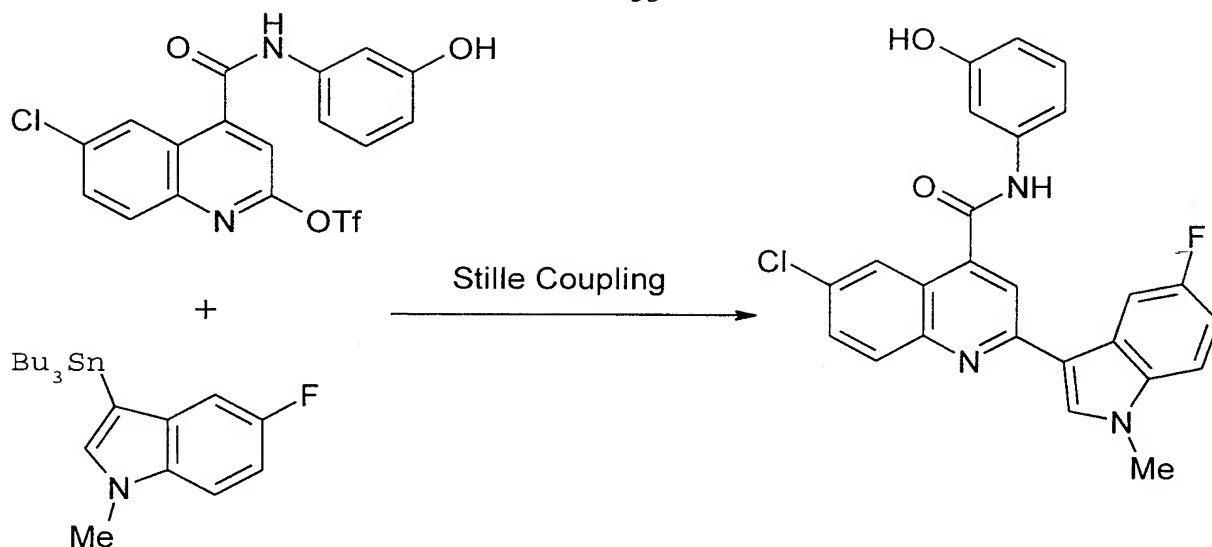
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*d. Illustrative Stille Coupling #2*

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*e. Illustrative Stille Coupling #3*

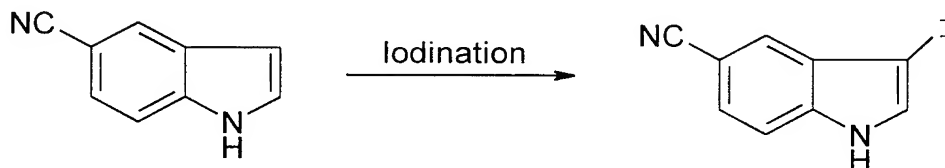
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Members of the general classes of coupling substrates outlined above -- arylstannanes,
 5 arylboronic acids, aryl triflates and aryl halides -- are available from the parent heterocycles. In
 general, the transformations required to prepare a coupling substrate are reliable and amenable to
 scale-up. Illustrative examples are shown below.

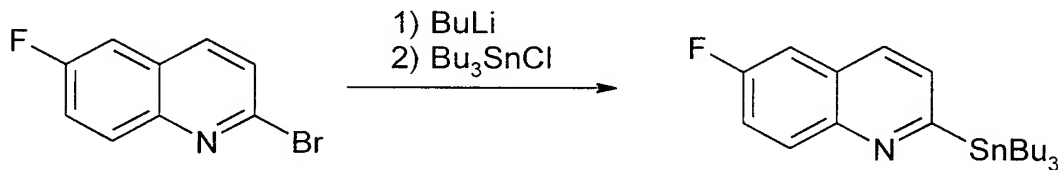
f. Illustrative Preparation of a 3-Iodoindole

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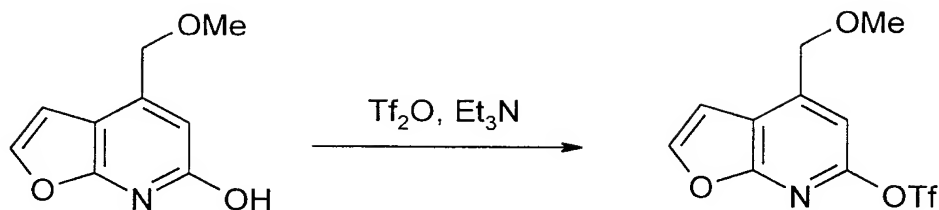


g. Illustrative Preparation of a 2-(Tributylstannyl)quinoline

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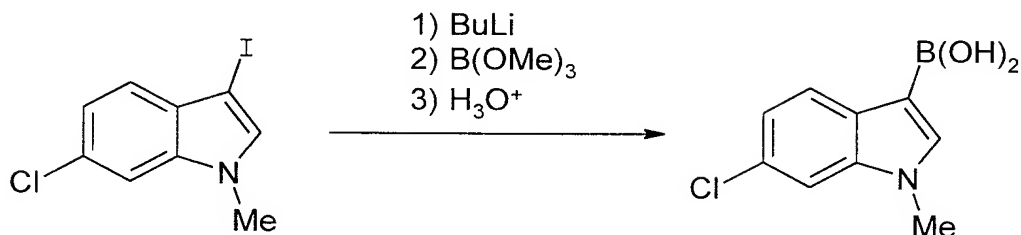


h. Illustrative Preparation of a 2-(Trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy)pyridine



i. Illustrative Preparation of a 3-Indolylboronic Acid

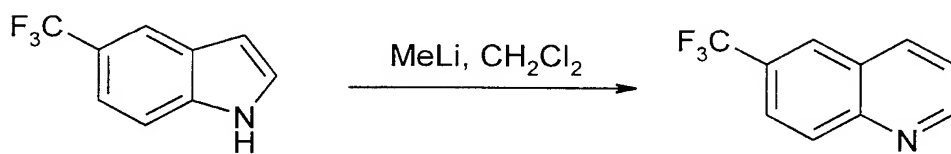
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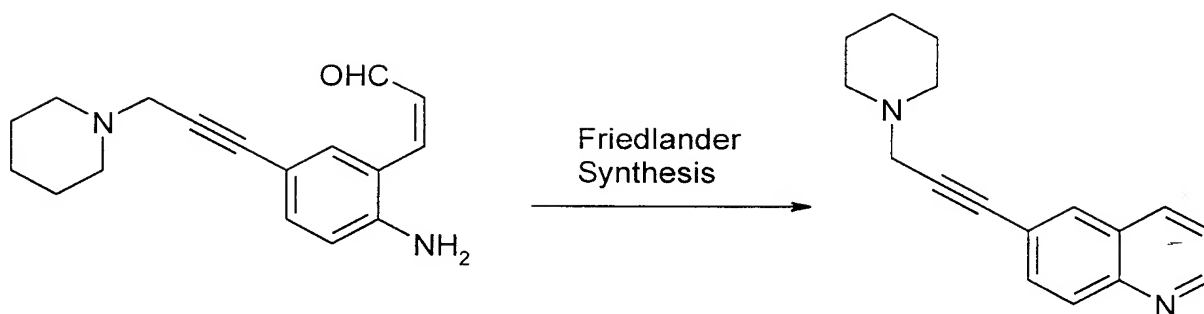
Quinoline, and congeneric, substrates that will ultimately be incorporated into subject antibacterials can be purchased or prepared from readily available starting materials utilizing well-known chemical transformations. The following schemes are illustrative of this fact.

j. Illustrative Quinoline Synthesis #1

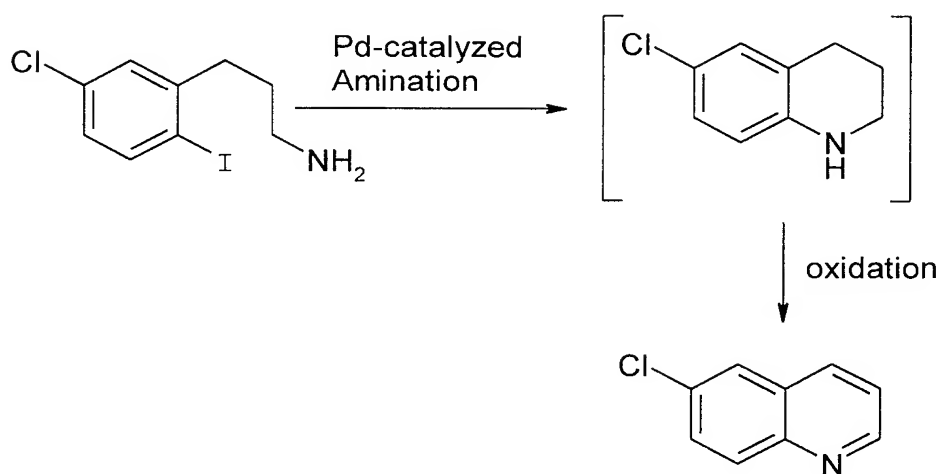


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k. Illustrative Quinoline Synthesis #2

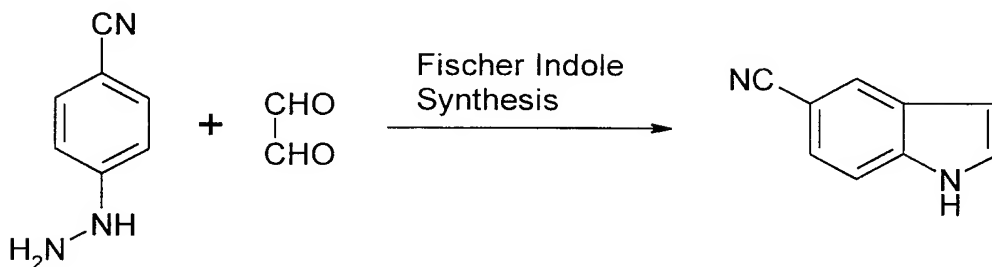


l. Illustrative Quinoline Synthesis #3



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m. Illustrative Indole Synthesis



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n. Combinatorial Libraries

The compounds of the present invention, particularly libraries of variants having various representative classes of substituents, are amenable to combinatorial chemistry and other parallel

synthesis schemes (see, for example, PCT WO 94/08051). The result is that large libraries of related compounds, e.g. a variegated library of compounds represented by formula 1 above, can be screened rapidly in high throughput assays in order to identify potential antibacterial lead compounds, as well as to refine the specificity, toxicity, and/or cytotoxic-kinetic profile of a lead compound. For instance, simple turbidimetric assays (e.g. measuring the A_{600} of a culture), or spotting compounds on bacterial lawns, can be used to screen a library of the subject compounds for those having inhibitory activity toward a particular bacterial strain.

Simply for illustration, a combinatorial library for the purposes of the present invention is a mixture of chemically related compounds which may be screened together for a desired property. The preparation of many related compounds in a single reaction greatly reduces and simplifies the number of screening processes which need to be carried out. Screening for the appropriate physical properties can be done by conventional methods.

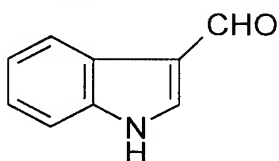
Diversity in the library can be created at a variety of different levels. For instance, the substrate aryl groups used in the combinatorial reactions can be diverse in terms of the core aryl moiety, e.g., a variegation in terms of the ring structure, and/or can be varied with respect to the other substituents.

A variety of techniques are available in the art for generating combinatorial libraries of small organic molecules such as the subject antibacterials. See, for example, Blondelle et al. (1995) Trends Anal. Chem. 14:83; the Affymax U.S. Patents 5,359,115 and 5,362,899; the Ellman U.S. Patent 5,288,514; the Still et al. PCT publication WO 94/08051; Chen et al. (1994) JACS 116:2661; Kerr et al. (1993) JACS 115:252; PCT publications WO92/10092, WO93/09668 and WO91/07087; and the Lerner et al. PCT publication WO93/20242). Accordingly, a variety of libraries on the order of about 100 to 1,000,000 or more diversomers of the subject antibacterials can be synthesized and screened for particular activity or property.

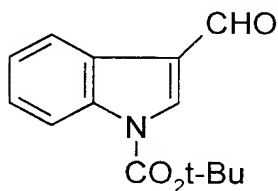
In an exemplary embodiment, a library of candidate antibacterial diversomers can be synthesized utilizing a scheme adapted to the techniques described in the Still et al. PCT publication WO 94/08051, e.g., being linked to a polymer bead by a hydrolyzable or photolyzable group e.g., located at one of the positions of the candidate antibacterials or a substituent of a synthetic intermediate. According to the Still et al. technique, the library is synthesized on a set of beads, each bead including a set of tags identifying the particular diversomer on that bead. The bead library can then be "plated" on a lawn of bacteria for which an inhibitor is sought. The diversomers can be released from the bead, e.g. by hydrolysis. Beads surrounded by areas of no, or diminished, bacterial growth, e.g. a "halo", can be selected, and their tags can be "read" to establish the identity of the particular diversomer.

Exemplification

The invention now being generally described, it will be more readily understood by reference to the following examples, which are included merely for purposes of illustration of certain aspects and embodiments of the present invention, and are not intended to limit the invention.

Example 1*Indole-3-carboxaldehyde*

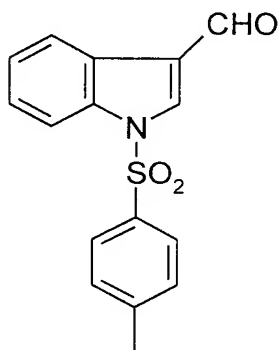
To a 500 mL round bottom flask containing 250 mL of DMF at 0 °C was added 105 mL (1.12 mol) of phosphorous oxychloride dropwise via an addition funnel. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C and then indole (0.51 mol) was added as a solid. The reaction mixture was heated to 80 °C for 6 h and then cooled in an ice bath. The cold solidified reaction was quenched with water (~2 L) until all the solid had dissolved. The solution was kept cool and the pH was adjusted to ~11 by the addition of 50% NaOH. The precipitate was filtered and washed with water. The filter cake was dried *in vacuo* in the presence of P₂O₅ to yield crude indole-3-carboxaldehyde (90-95% yield).

Example 2*N-Boc-Indole-3-carboxaldehyde*

To a 500 mL round bottom flask containing a solution of crude indole-3-carboxaldehyde (0.5 mol) in 300 mL of DCM was added 6.1 g (0.05 mol) of 4-dimethylaminopyridine. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and 600 mL of a solution of di-tert-butylidicarbonate (1.0 M in THF) was added slowly dropwise via an addition funnel. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature for 6 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with 1.0 L of water and the organic layer separated. The organic layer was washed with 5% HCl (2 x 1.0 L) and sat. NaCl (1.0 L), dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude solid was purified

by dissolving it in DCM (~1.0 L) and precipitating it by the addition of hexanes (~1.0 L) and filtering with a fritted funnel. The filter cake was washed with hexanes and dried *in vacuo* to give *N*-Boc-indole-3-carboxaldehyde (80-85% yield).

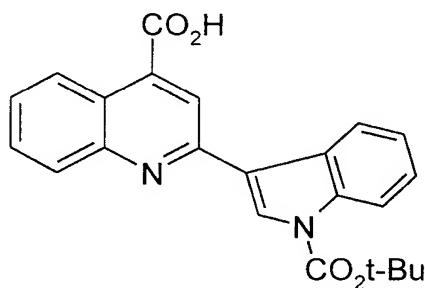
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N-Tosyl-Indole-3-carboxaldehyde

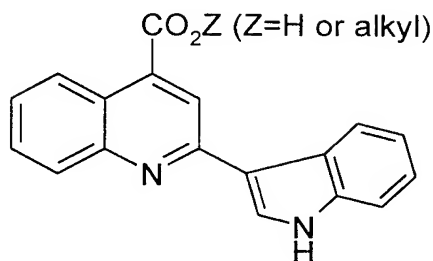
To a 25 mL round bottom flask containing a solution of crude indole-3-carboxaldehyde (4.5 mmol) in 10 mL of triethylamine was added 1.3 g (6.7 mmol) of tosyl chloride. The reaction mixture was heated to 95 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was quenched by pouring into 10 mL of ice water and filtered. The solid was washed with water (3 x 10 mL), triterated with ether (25 mL), and dried *in vacuo* to give *N*-tosyl-indole-3-carboxaldehyde (85-90% yield).

Example 4



2-(*N*-Boc-3-Indolyl)-4-quinolinecarboxylic Acid

To a 500 mL round bottom flask was added 27.2 g (0.31 mol) of pyruvic acid (Lancaster), *N*-Boc-indole-3-carboxaldehyde (0.16 mol) and 200 mL of acetic acid. The reaction mixture was heated at 85 °C until all the solid material had dissolved (~30 min). Then aniline (0.31 mol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 90 minutes at 85 °C. The precipitate was filtered hot in a fritted funnel and washed with acetic acid (2 x 50 mL) and then with ether (2 x 50 mL). The solid filter cake was dried *in vacuo* to yield 2-(*N*-Boc-3-indolyl)-4-quinolinecarboxylic Acid (3-50% yield) of pure (>95%) material.

Example 52-(3-Indolyl)-4-quinolinecarboxylic Acid or Ester

5 To a 10 mL pear-shaped flask was added 2-(*N*-Boc-3-indolyl)-4-quinolinecarboxylic acid or ester (1 mmol) and 3 mL of a 50% mixture of TFA and DCM. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at 20 °C. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residual solid lyophilized to give 2-(3-indolyl)-4-quinolinecarboxylic acid or ester (95-100% yield).

10 **Example 6**Resin-Bound Diamine

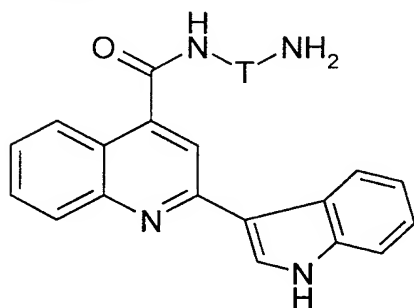
To a 200 mL glass frit flask was added 10 g (8.0 mmol) of Wang resin, 13.0 g (80 mmol) of CDI, and 100 mL of THF. The reaction mixture was agitated on an orbital shaker for 24 h. The reaction mixture was filtered and the resin washed with THF (3 x 100 mL). To the glass frit
15 flask containing the activated resin was added diamine (80 mmol) dissolved in 100 mL of THF. The reaction mixture was agitated on an orbital shaker for 24 h. The reaction mixture was filtered and the resin washed with THF (3 x 100 mL), DMF (3 x 100 mL), MeOH (3 x 100 mL), and DCM (3 x 100 mL) and dried under vacuum to give 11.3 g (0.70 mmol/g) of resin.

20 **Example 7**Resin-Bound 2-(3-Indolyl)quinoline-4-carboxylate or -carboxamide

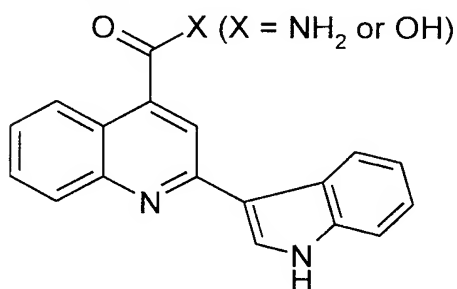
To a 10 mL pear-shaped flask was added 2-(3-indolyl)-4-quinolinecarboxylic acid (0.2 mmol), 104 mg of PyBOP® (0.2 mmol), 1 mL of DMF and 44 µL of *N*-methylmorpholine (0.4 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min and then added to a 3 mL plastic tube fitted
25 with a frit containing 100 mg of Wang or Rink resin (0.08 mmol) and ~1 mg of DMAP (0.001 mmol). The reaction mixture was agitated overnight on an orbital shaker at ambient temperature. The solvent was removed by filtration and the resin washed successively with DMF (3 x 3 mL), MeOH (3 x 3 mL), and DCM (3 x 3 mL) and dried under vacuum to give resin-bound 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-carboxylate or -carboxamide.

Example 8**Resin-Bound 2-(3-Indolyl)quinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide**

To a 10 mL pear-shaped flask was added of 2-(3-indolyl)-4-quinolinecarboxylic acid (0.088 mmol), 46 mg of PyBOP® (0.088 mmol), 1 mL of DMF and 19 μ L of *N*-methylmorpholine (0.176 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min and then added to a 3 mL plastic tube fitted with a frit containing 50 mg of diamine-capped resin (0.035 mmol) and ~1 mg of DMAP (0.001 mmol). The reaction mixture was agitated overnight on an orbital shaker at ambient temperature. The solvent was removed by filtration and the resin washed successively with DMF (3 x 3 mL), MeOH (3 x 3 mL), and DCM (3 x 3 mL) and dried under vacuum to give resin-bound 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide.

Example 9**2-(3-Indolyl)quinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide**

To a 3 mL plastic tube fitted with a frit containing 50 mg of resin-bound 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-carboxamide (0.035 mmol) was added 1 mL of a 50% mixture of TFA and DCM. The reaction mixture was agitated on an orbital shaker for 30 min. The mixture was filtered and the resin washed with DCM (3 x 3 mL). The organic solutions were combined and evaporated by a stream of N_2 . The residual solid was lyophilized to give 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide (80-100% yield).

Example 10**2-(3-Indolyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic Acid or Amide**

To a 3 mL plastic tube fitted with a frit containing 50 mg of resin-bound 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-carboxylate (0.035 mmol) was added 1 mL of a 50% mixture of TFA and DCM. The reaction mixture was agitated on an orbital shaker for 30 min. The mixture was filtered and the resin washed with DCM (3 x 3 mL). The organic solutions were combined and evaporated by a stream of nitrogen. The residual solid was lyophilized to give 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-carboxylic acid or amide (80-100% yield).

Example 11

Resin-Bound	Propargylaminoalkynyl-Substituted	2-(3-Indolyl)quinoline-4-
<u>aminoalkylcarboxamide</u>		

To a 3 mL plastic tube fitted with a frit containing 50 mg (0.035 mmol) of resin-bound 2-(3-indolyl)-(5,6,7, or 8)-iodoquinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide was added 6.5 mg of palladium(II) acetate (0.028 mmol), 0.3 mg of copper(I) iodide (1.8 umol), 11 mg of triphenylphosphine (0.042 mmol), 1 mL of THF, 25 µL of propargyl bromide (0.28 mmol) and amine (0.7 mmol). The reaction mixture was agitated on an orbital shaker for 12 h. The reaction mixture was filtered and the resin washed with THF (3 x 3 mL), DMF (3 x 3 mL), MeOH (3 x 3 mL), DCM (3 x 3 mL), and dried under vacuum to give resin-bound propargylaminoalkynyl-substituted 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide.

Example 12

Resin-Bound Aryl-Substituted 2-(3-Indolyl)quinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide

To a 3 mL plastic tube fitted with a frit containing 50 mg (0.035 mmol) of resin-bound 2-(3-indolyl)-(5,6,7, or 8)-bromoquinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide was added arylboronic acid (0.35 mmol), 4.3 mg of palladium tetrakis(triphenylphosphine) (3.5 umol) 1 mL of DMF, and 104 µL of triethylamine (0.75 mmol). The reaction mixture was agitated on an orbital shaker for 12 h in a Fischer heating block at 60 °C. The reaction mixture was filtered and the resin washed with DMF (3 x 3 mL), MeOH (3 x 3 mL), DCM (3 x 3 mL), and dried under vacuum to give resin-bound aryl-substituted 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide.

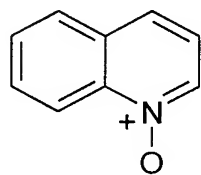
Example 13

Resin-Bound 2-(3-N-Methylindolyl)quinoline-4-carboxylate

To a 3 mL plastic tube fitted with a frit containing 500 mg (0.35 mmol) of resin-bound 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-carboxylate was added 342 mg of cesium carbonate (1.1 mmol), 3 mL of DMF, and 440 µL (7.0 mmol) of methyl iodide. The reaction mixture was agitated on an orbital shaker for 4 h. The resin was filtered and washed with DMF (3 x 3 mL), H₂O (3 x 3 mL),

MeOH (3 x 3 mL), and DCM (3 x 3 mL) and dried under vacuum. This process was repeated once to give resin-bound 2-(3-N-methylindolyl)quinoline-4-carboxylate.

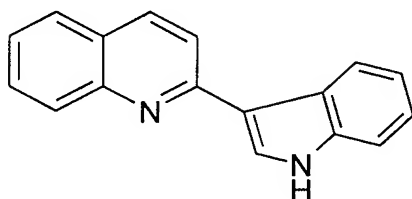
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Quinoline-N-oxide

To a 100 mL round bottom flask containing a solution of quinoline (12.2 mmol) in 50 mL of DCM was added 5.3 g of *m*-CPBA (30.6 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted DCM (100 mL), washed with 5% NaOH (2x100 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give solid quinoline-*N*-oxide (90-95% yield).

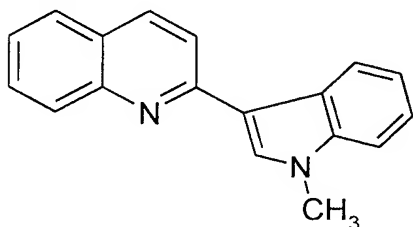
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2-(3-Indolyl)quinoline

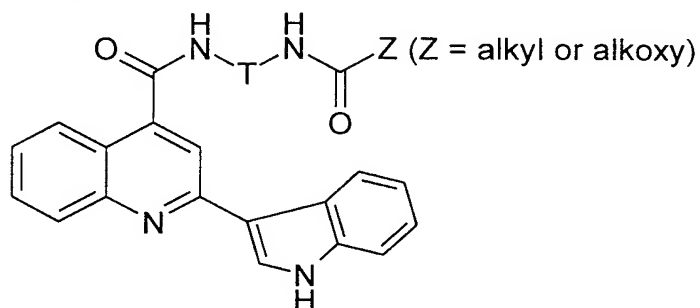
To a solution of quinoline-*N*-oxide (0.5 mmol) in 2 mL DCM at 0 °C in a 3 mL plastic tube fitted with a frit was added 58 uL of benzoyl chloride (0.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min at 0 °C and then indole (0.5 mmol) was added. The reaction was warmed to 20 °C and stirred for 4 h. The solid precipitate was filtered and washed with DCM (3 x 2 mL) to give solid 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline (6-100% yield).

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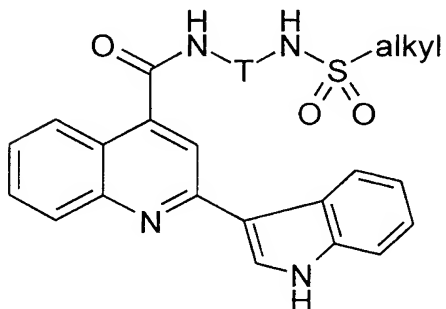


2-(3-*N*-Methylindolyl)quinoline

To a 10x130 mm test tube containing 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline (0.1 mmol) in 1 mL of DMF was added 130 mg of cesium carbonate (0.4 mmol) and 12 μ L (0.2 mmol) of methyl iodide. The reaction mixture was agitated on an orbital shaker in a Fischer heating block at 40 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was filtered and the organic layer diluted with DCM (4 mL) and washed with water (1 x 5 mL). The organic solvent was evaporated under a stream of nitrogen and the residual solid lyophilized to give solid 2-(3-*N*-methylindolyl)quinoline (95-100% yield).

Example 17*N*-Acyl-Substituted 2-(3-Indolyl)quinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide

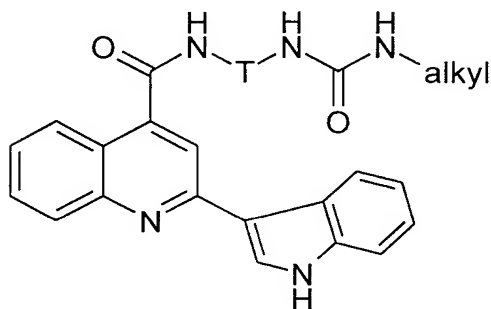
To a 9 mL test tube containing 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide (0.1 mmol) in 2 mL of EtOAc and 2 mL of sat. NaHCO_3 was added 300 μ L of a solution of acid chloride or chloroformate (0.3 mmol) in 0.3 mL of DCM. The reaction mixture was agitated for 4 h on an orbital shaker. The layers were allowed to separate and the top organic layer was pipetted off and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to give *N*-acyl-substituted 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide (60-80% yield).

Example 18*N*-Alkylsulfonyl-Substituted 2-(3-Indolyl)quinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide

To a 9 mL test tube containing 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide (0.1 mmol) in 2 mL of EtOAc and 2 mL of sat. NaHCO_3 was added 300 μ L of a solution of an

alkylsulfonyl chloride (0.3 mmol) in 0.3 mL of DCM. The reaction mixture was agitated for 4 h on an orbital shaker. The layers were allowed to separate and the top organic layer was pipetted off. To the organic solution was added ~50 mg of aminomethyl resin and the mixture agitated on an orbital shaker for 1 h. The mixture was filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to give *N*-alkylsulfonyl-substituted 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide (60-80% yield).

Example 19



10 N-Alkylurea-Substituted 2-(3-Indolyl)quinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide

To a 9 mL test tube containing 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide (0.1 mmol) in 2 mL of THF was added 300 μ L of a solution of alkylisocyanate (0.3 mmol) in 0.3 mL of THF. The reaction mixture was agitated for 4 h on an orbital shaker. To the reaction mixture was added ~50 mg of aminomethyl resin and the mixture agitated on an orbital shaker for 1 h. The mixture was filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to give *N*-alkylurea-substituted 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-aminoalkylcarboxamide (60-80% yield).

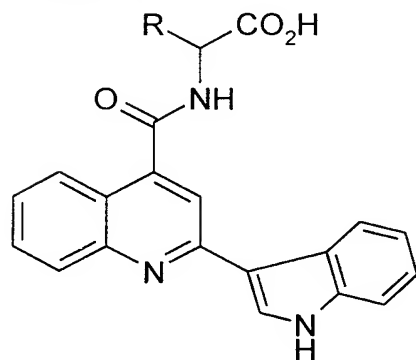
Example 20

N-Terminal Resin-Bound Amino Acid

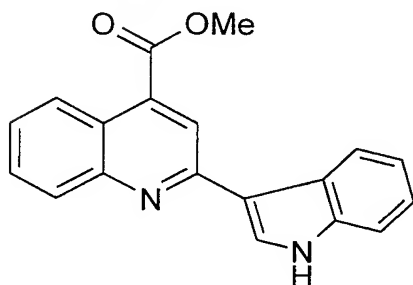
To a 10 mL pear-shaped flask was added Fmoc protected amino acid (0.4 mmol), 250 mg of PyBOP® (0.4 mmol), 2 mL of DMF and 81 μ L of *N*-methylmorpholine (0.8 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min and then added to a 3 mL plastic tube fitted with a frit containing 50 mg of Rink or Wang resin (0.08 mmol) and ~1 mg of DMAP (0.001 mmol). The reaction mixture was agitated overnight on an orbital shaker at ambient temperature. The solvent was removed by filtration and the resin washed successively with DMF (3 x 3 mL), MeOH (3 x 3 mL), and DCM (3 x 3 mL) and dried under vacuum to give resin-bound Fmoc protected amino acid. The resin was then suspended in 2 mL of a 30% solution of piperidine in DCM. The resin was then filtered and washed with DCM (3x3 mL) to give *N*-terminal resin bound amino acid.

Example 21**Resin-Bound 2-(3-Indolyl)quinoline-4-amino Acid**

To a 10 mL pear-shaped flask was added of 2-(3-indolyl)-4-quinolinecarboxylic acid (0.088 mmol), 46 mg of PyBOP® (0.088 mmol), 1 mL of DMF and 19 μ L of *N*-methylmorpholine (0.176 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min and then added to a 3 mL plastic tube fitted with a frit containing 50 mg of *N*-terminal resin-bound amino acid (0.035 mmol) and ~1 mg of DMAP (0.001 mmol). The reaction mixture was agitated overnight on an orbital shaker at ambient temperature. The solvent was removed by filtration and the resin washed successively with DMF (3 x 3 mL), MeOH (3 x 3 mL), and DCM (3 x 3 mL) and dried under vacuum to give resin-bound 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-amino acid.

Example 22**2-(3-Indolyl)quinoline-4-amino acid**

To a 3 mL plastic tube fitted with a frit containing 50 mg of resin-bound 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-amino acid (0.035 mmol) was added 1 mL of a 50% mixture of TFA and DCM. The reaction mixture was agitated on an orbital shaker for 30 min. The mixture was filtered and the resin washed with DCM (3 x 3 mL). The organic solutions were combined and evaporated by a stream of N_2 . The residual solid was lyophilized to give 2-(3-indolyl)quinoline-4-amino acid (80-100% yield).

Example 23

Methyl 2-(3-indolyl)-4-quinolinecarboxylate

To a 10 mL pear-shaped flask was added 2-(3-indolyl)-4-quinolinecarboxylic acid (1 mmol) and 2 mL of acetonitrile followed by a solution of diazomethane (5 mmol) in 2 mL of ether. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to give methyl-
5 2-(3-indolyl)-4-quinolinecarboxylate (95-100% yield).

Example 24Resin-Bound 4-(Aminoalkyl)-2-(3-indolyl)quinoline

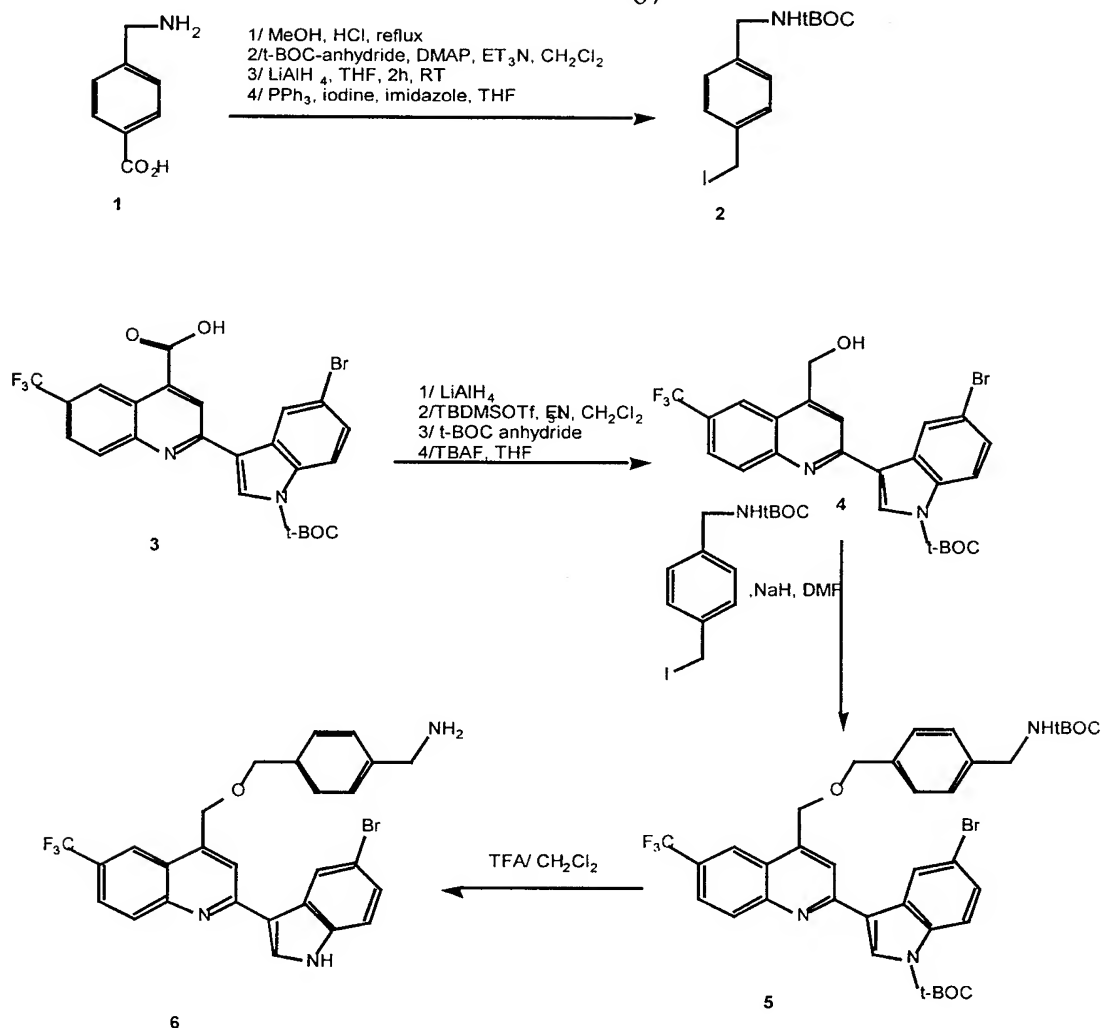
To a 3 mL plastic tube fitted with a frit containing 50 mg of *N*-terminal resin-bound 4-aminoalkylcarboxamide (0.035 mmol) was added 1.0 mL a 1.0 M solution of borane in THF (1.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was agitated for 1 h at 50 °C on an orbital shaker. The reaction mixture was cooled and then quenched by slow addition of methanol. The mixture was filtered and the resin washed with MeOH (3 x 3 mL) and DCM (3 x 3 mL). To the resin was added 2 mL of a 0.6 M solution of DBU in a 9:1 mixture of DMF and MeOH. The reaction mixture was
10 agitated for 2 h at 20 °C on an orbital shaker. The mixture was filtered and the resin washed with
15 DMF, (3 x 3 mL), MeOH (3 x 3 mL), and DCM (3 x 3 mL) and dried under vacuum to give resin-bound 4-(aminoalkyl)-2-(3-indolyl)quinoline.

Example 25

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Synthesis of Compound 154

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Scheme for Example 25

- 2: A solution of 4-(aminomethyl)benzoic acid (1 g, 6.6 mmol) in methanol (20 mL) saturated with HCl was heated at reflux overnight. The solution was concentrated, diluted with 15 ml of saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, and subsequently extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum to give 622 mg of a yellow oil. This oil was dissolved in dichloromethane (10 mL); triethylamine (532.6 mg) and di-t-butyl dicarbonate (4.88 ml, 1M solution in THF) were added to this solution. The reaction mixture was stirred under N_2 for 1 h. Saturated sodium bicarbonate (10 mL) was added to the mixture, and it was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under vacuum to give 1 g of a white powder. The white powder (750 mg, 4.54 mmol) was dissolved in THF (20 mL) and the solution cooled to 0°C under N_2 .
- 15 Lithium aluminum hydride (258 mg) was added and, after 2 h, saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (15 mL) was added, followed by 1 N sodium hydroxide (2 mL). The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 15 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over

magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under vacuum to yield 600 mg white solid. The alcohol (400 mg, 1.64 mmol) was dissolved in THF (20 mL), and the solution was cooled to 0° C under N₂. Triphenylphosphine (856 mg, 2.26 mmol) was added slowly, followed by imidazole (220 mg, 2.26 mmol) and iodine (827.4 mg, 2.26 mmol); the resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h. The reaction mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified via silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc-hexane, 1:4) to afford a white solid (300 mg).

4: Carboxylic acid **3** (400 mg, 0.749 mmol) was dissolved in THF (10 mL) and lithiumaluminum hydride (85.27 mg, 2.247 mmol) was added. The resulting suspension was heated at reflux overnight under nitrogen. Saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (20 mL) was added, and the resulting mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated under vacuum. The crude residue (240 mg, 0.57 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (5 mL), and the solution was cooled to 0° C under N₂. 2,6-Lutidine (183.24 mg, 1.71 mmol) and tert-butyl dimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (452.02 mg) were added, and the mixture was stirred for 2 h. Saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (20 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature. The reaction mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude material was dissolved in dichloromethane (3 mL), and cooled to 0° C under N₂. DMAP (7 mg, 0.057 mmol) and di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (0.74 mL, 0.741 mmol, 1 M in THF) were added to the solution. After being stirred for 30 minutes, saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (10 mL) was added, and the resulting mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude material was dissolved in THF (5 mL), and tetrabutylammonium fluoride (0.684 mL, 1 M in tetrahydrofuran) was added. After 1 h at room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum. Saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (10 mL) was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude material was purified via silica gel flash chromatography (EtOAc-MeOH, 19:1) to give the desired compound (130 mg).

Y: 44%.

MS: 520.90, 420.90, 404.

5: Compound **4** (120 mg, 0.23 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous dimethylformamide (1 mL), and sodium hydride (12 mg, 0.299 mmol, 60% dispersion) was added. The reaction mixture was heated at 80° C for 1 h. Saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (10 mL) was added, and the

mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give **5** (140 mg).

Y: 82%

MS: 741.74

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6: Compound **5** (140 mg, 0.19 mmol) was dissolved in dichloromethane (5 mL) and 30% trifluoroacetic acid was added; the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 45 minutes. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the residue was combined with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (5 mL), and this mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give **6** (80 mg).

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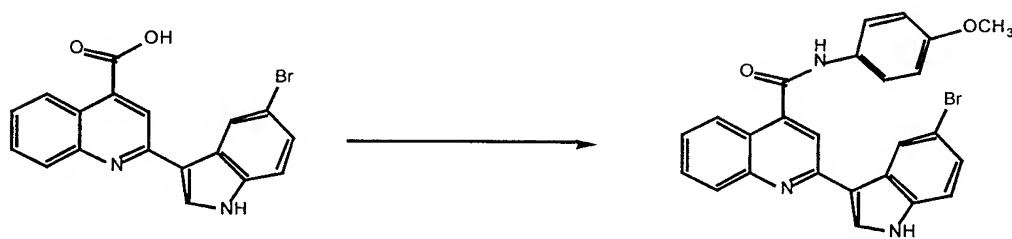
Y: 78%

MS: 541.83

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Example 26

Synthesis of Compound 48



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The carboxylic acid (500 mg, 1.366 mmol) was dissolved in dimethylformamide (3 mL), and Py-Bop (852 mg, 1.63 mmol), and N-methyl morpholine (164 mg, 1.63 mmol) were added, followed by stirring for 30 minutes. p-Anisidine (200 mg, 1.63 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred overnight. Water (30 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture and a precipitate formed. The reaction mixture was filtered and the collected solid was dried *in vacuo* to give **48** (350 mg).

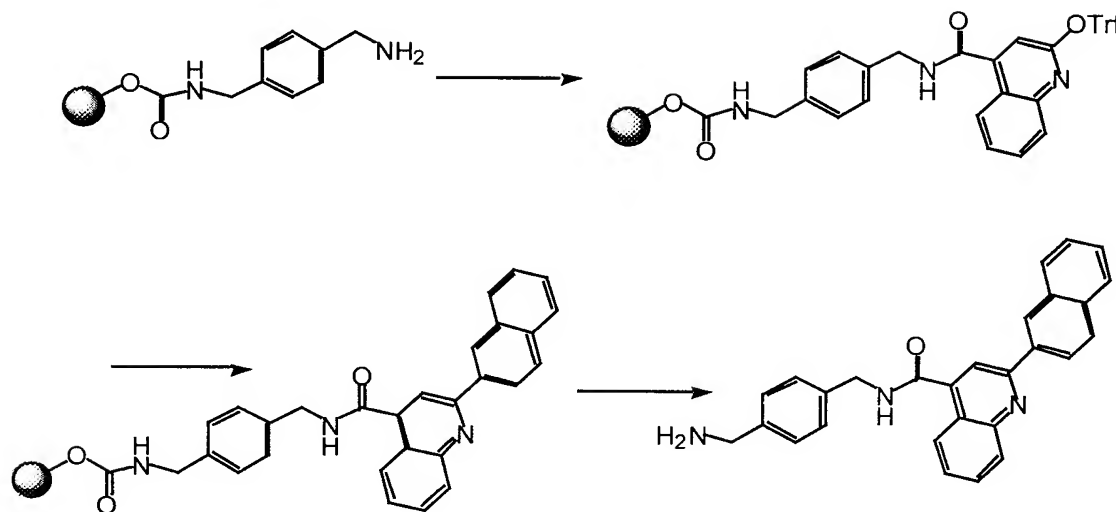
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Y: 54%

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MS: 470

Example 27

Synthesis of Compound 87

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Resin-bound 2-hydroxyquinoline-4-carboxylic acid (5 mmol) was suspended in dichloromethane (150 mL), pyridine (8.4 g, 100 mmol) was added, and the solution was cooled to 0 °C.

Trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (14.1 g, 50 mmol) was added dropwise and the suspension was shaken for 1 h. The mixture was filtered, and the resin was washed with dichloromethane, THF and methanol. The resin (0.059 mmol) was suspended in THF (10 mL), and 2-naphthaleneboronic acid (30.44 mg, 0.177 mmol), 2 M aqueous sodium carbonate (18.76 μ L, 0.177 mmol), and tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (10 mg, 0.008 mmol) were added in series; the mixture was shaken overnight at 60 °C. The suspension was filtered, washed with THF, dichloromethane, and methanol. The resin was suspended in dichloromethane (5 mL), 30% TFA was added, and the suspension was shaken for 30 minutes. The suspension was filtered, the resin was rinsed with dichloromethane and the combined organics were concentrated *in vacuo* to give an orange solid (20 mg).

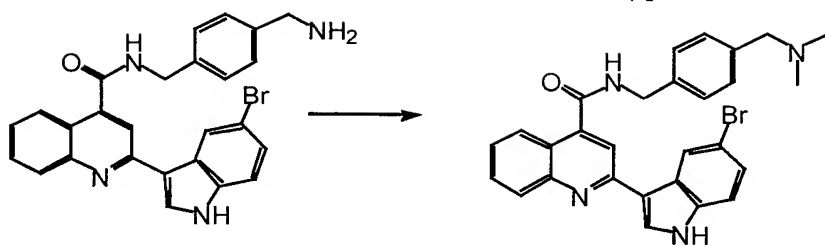
Y: 83%
MS: 418.3

Example 28

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Synthesis of Compound 92

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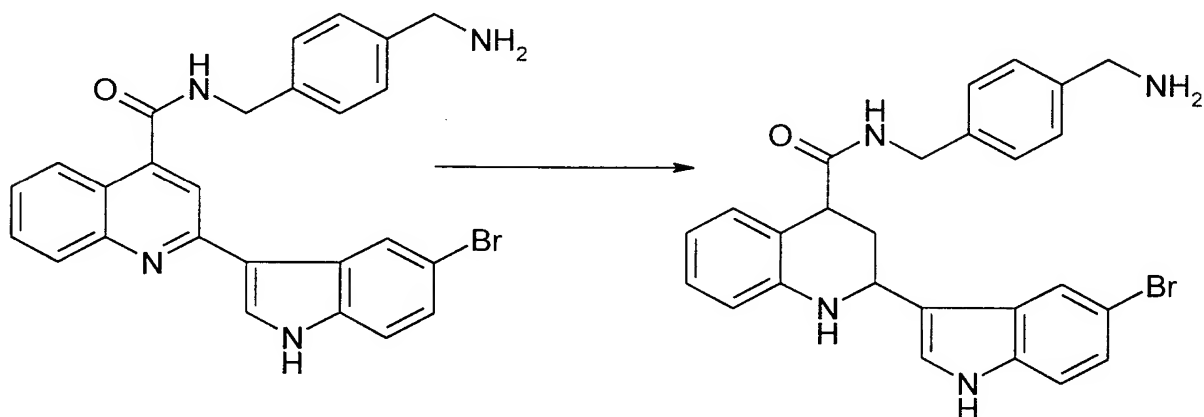


The amine (25mg, 0.058 mmol) was dissolved in chloroform (5 mL), followed by addition of 37% formaldehyde (18.46 μ L, 0.24 mmol) and formic acid (8.44 μ L, 0.24 mmol). The mixture was heated at reflux for 6 h, and allowed to cool to room temperature. Saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (5 mL) was added, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Methanol (4 mL) was added to the residue to give a beige powder (15 mg).

Y: 50%
MS: 514

Example 29

Synthesis of Compound 91



The amine (30 mg, 0.06 mmol) was suspended in methanol (5 mL), and 1 drop of concentrated HCl (1 drop) was added to give a soluble ammonium ion. Adam's catalyst (5 mg, PtO₂) was added, and the mixture was shaken overnight under an atmosphere of hydrogen (30 psi). The reaction mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the 2-(5-bromo-3-indolyl)tetrahydroquinoline (20 mg).

Y: 81%
MS: 411.17

Example 30**Synthesis of Compound 267**

A mixture of 6-chloro-2-[6-fluoro-3-indolyl]quinoline (29.6 mg), prepared utilizing a procedure previous described, and sodium hydride (4 mg) in dimethylacetamide (2 mL) was heated at 60 °C under an inert (Ar) atmosphere for 30 min. Next, N-(4-bromobutyl)phthalimide (29.6 mg) was added and heating at 60 °C was continued for 24 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature before being quenched with water. The mixture was extracted several times with dichloromethane. The organic extracted were combined, washed with brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated to give a yellow oil. The oil was purified by spin plate chromatography on silica gel eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (70:30) to give 10 mg of **267** as a tan solid. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.75-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.98 (m, 2H); 3.74 (t, 2H, J=6.6 Hz); 4.21 (t, 2H, J=6.6 Hz); 7.06 (d, 2H, J=9.3 Hz); 7.61 (dd, 1H, J₁=8.9 Hz, J₂=2.7 Hz); 7.69-8.06 (m, 9H); 8.73 (dd, 1H, J₁=8.7 Hz, J₂=5.7 Hz).

Example 31**Determination of MIC Values**

Stock solutions of compounds are prepared with a concentration of 10 mg/mL. These solutions are then diluted 1:4 to give a concentration of 2.5 mg/mL. The compounds are then serially diluted 1:2 for 6 iterations. The concentrations made for each compound are 2.5, 1.25, 0.625, 0.3125, 0.156, 0.078, and 0.039 mg/mL. A control sample (no compound) is run along with each compound tested. All dilutions are made in DMSO.

All wells of a 96 well microtiter plate are filled with 100 µL of BHI (Brain-Heart Infusion) broth. Columns on the plate are labeled 1-12, and rows are labeled A-H. Each column of wells is used to test one series of diluted compounds. Into each well of 100 µL of BHI broth, 1 µL of diluted compound is placed for a 1:100 dilution. This makes the final concentration of each drug series 25, 12.5, 6.25, 3.125, 1.56, 0.78, 0.39, and 0 µg/mL.

Test Organism: A sterile 15 mL screw cap tube is filled with 3 mL of BHI broth. Next, 2-3 colonies of test organism are inoculated into the tube. The tube is then incubated at 37 °C in a CO₂ (approx. 7%) atmosphere jar. The organisms are allowed to grow to the density of a 0.5 McFarland standard (10⁸ cells/mL). The organism is then inoculated into each well of the

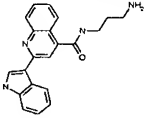
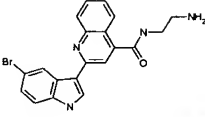
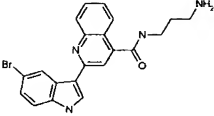
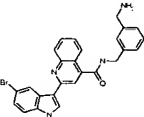
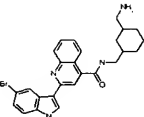
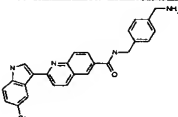
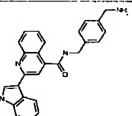
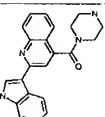
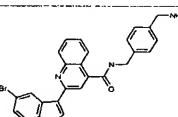
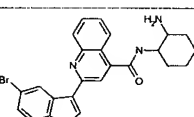
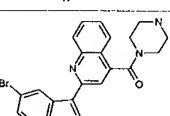
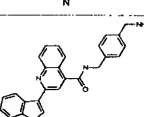
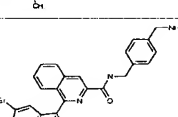
microtiter plate containing the diluted compounds to be tested for MIC. The inoculum is 1 μ L in volume and represents 10^5 to 10^6 cells/mL.

- 5 After inoculation the plates are covered and incubated at 37 °C and approx. 7-10% CO₂ atmosphere overnight (about 16 hours). The plates are then observed for growth, the well with the lowest concentration of drug and no observable growth represents the well determining the MIC.

Example 32

- 10 Table of MIC Values (μ g/mL) for Subject Compounds

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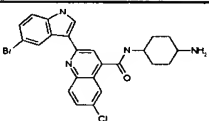
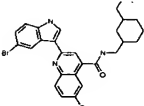
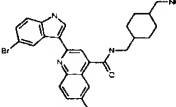
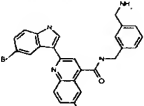
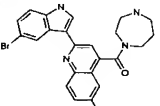
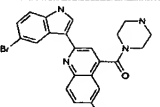
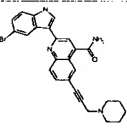
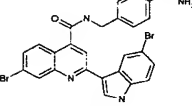
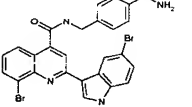
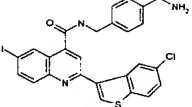
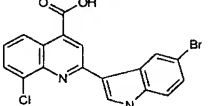
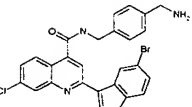
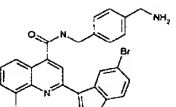
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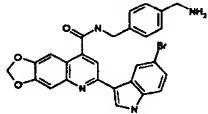
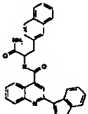
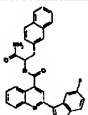
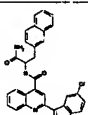
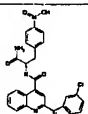
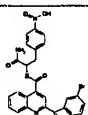
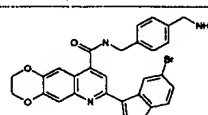
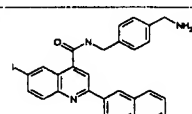
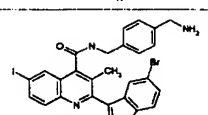
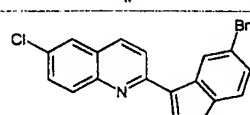
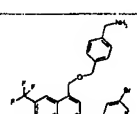
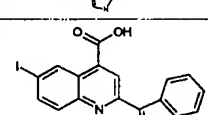
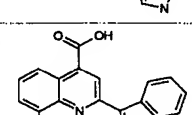
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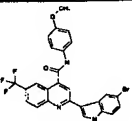
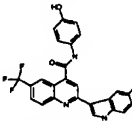
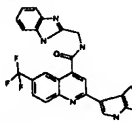
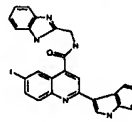
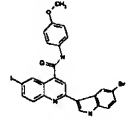
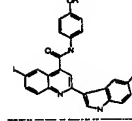
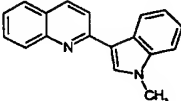
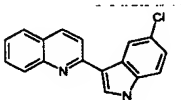
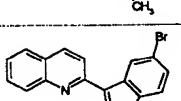
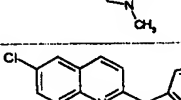
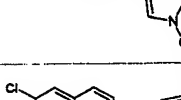
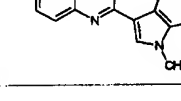
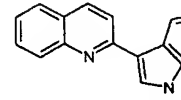
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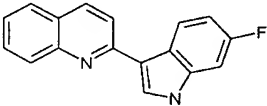
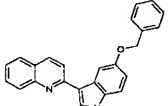
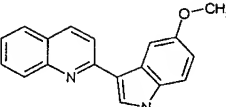
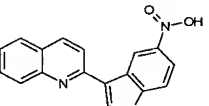
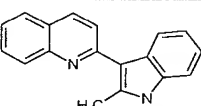
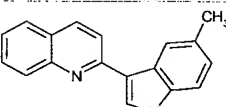
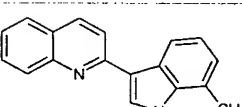
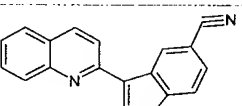
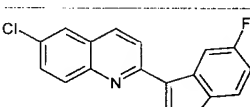
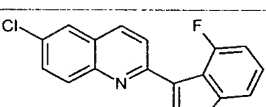
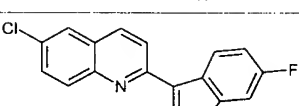
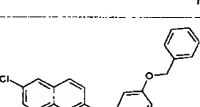
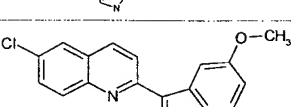
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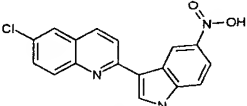
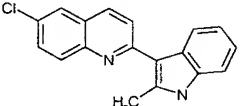
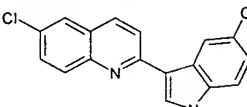
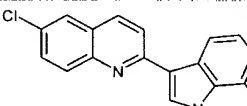
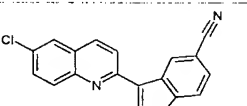
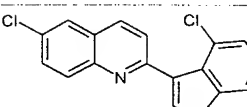
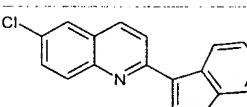
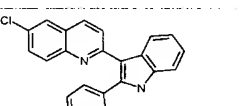
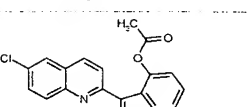
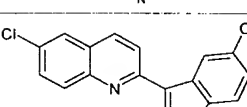
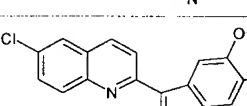
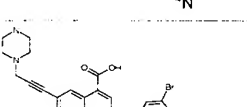
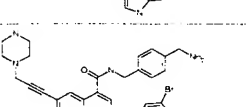
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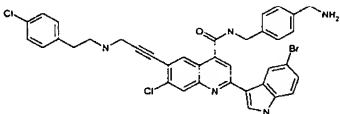
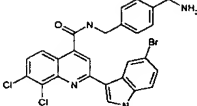
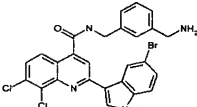
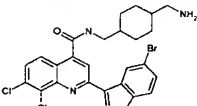
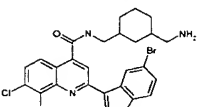
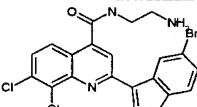
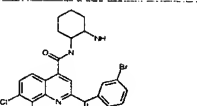
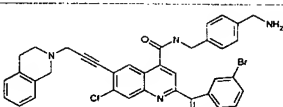
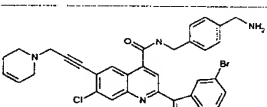
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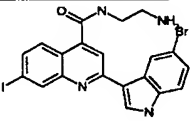
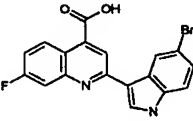
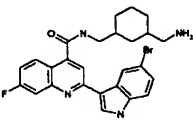
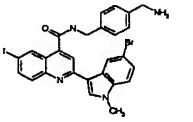
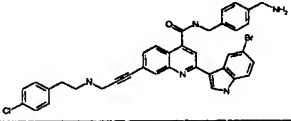
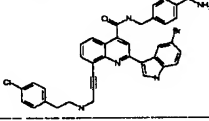
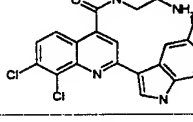
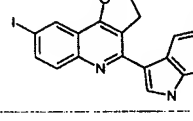
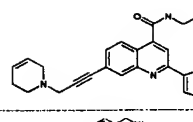
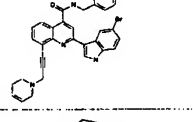
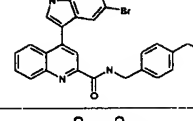
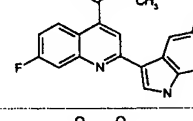
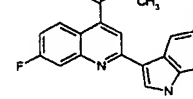
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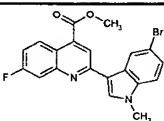
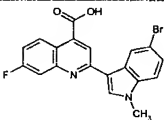
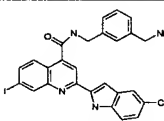
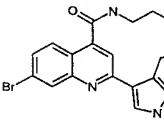
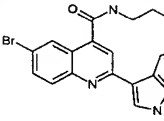
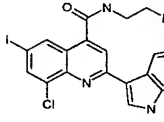
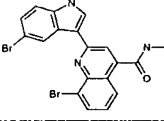
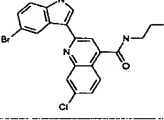
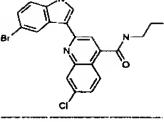
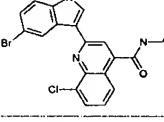
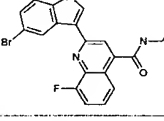
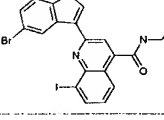
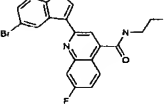
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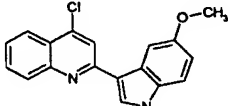
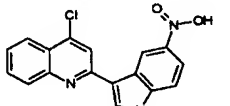
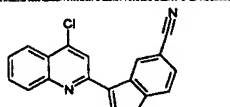
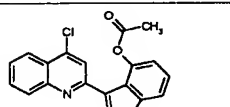
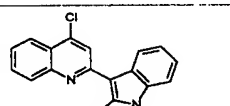
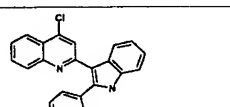
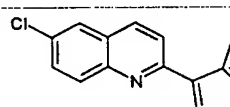
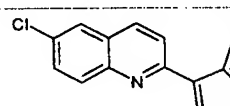
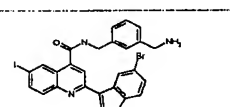
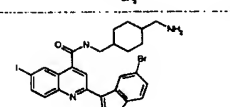
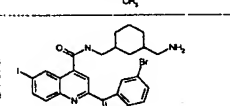
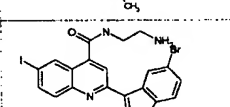
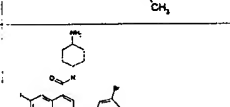
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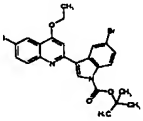
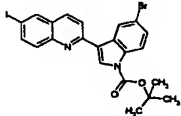
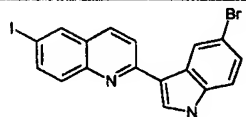
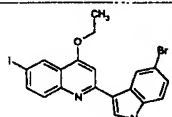
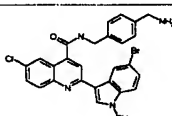
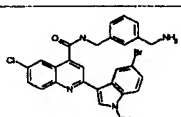
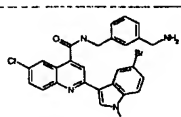
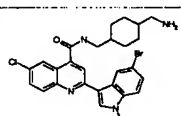
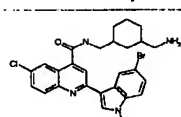
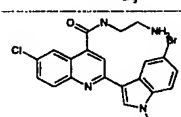
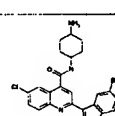
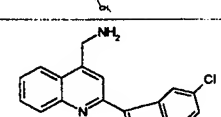
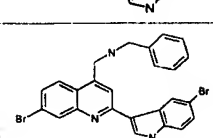
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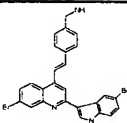
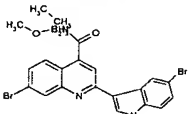
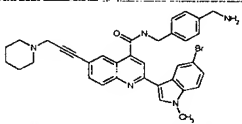
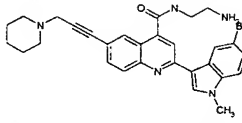
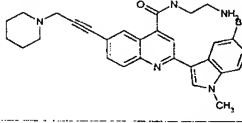
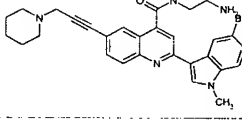
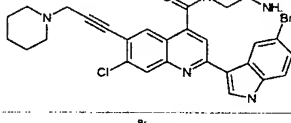
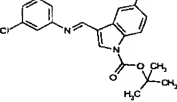
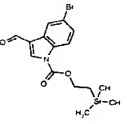
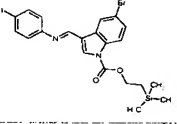
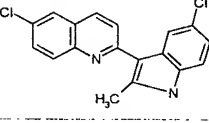
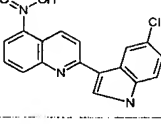
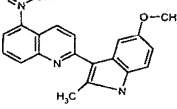
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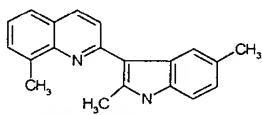
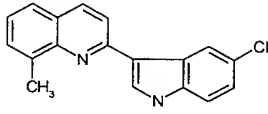
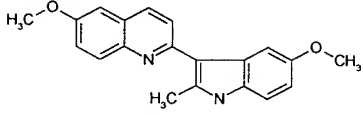
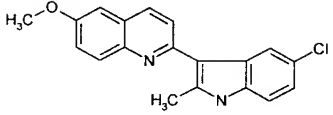
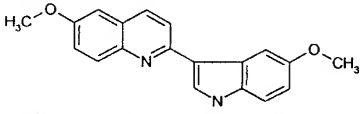
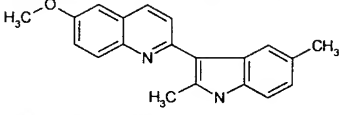
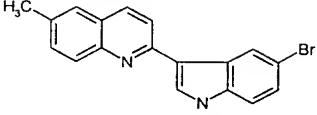
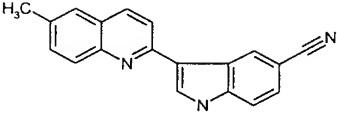
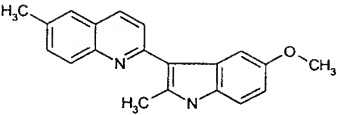
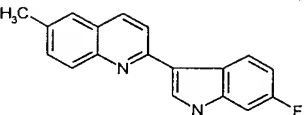
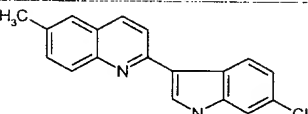
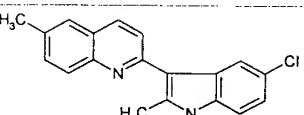
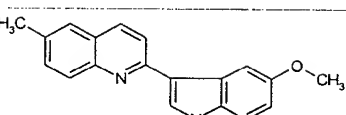
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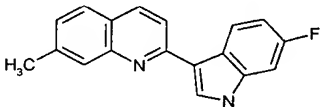
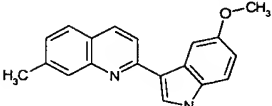
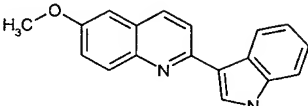
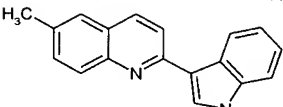
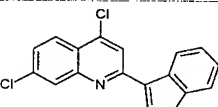
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Example 33

This example demonstrates the lack of acute *in vivo* toxicity in mice for some antibacterial compounds of the invention. Solutions of compounds in 10% w/v hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin in 0.9% w/v saline were prepared. Doses of 40 mg/kg or 120 mg/kg of each compound were administered to mice (5 mice/compound/dose) via intraperitoneal injections. The mice were observed for seven days.

<u>Compound #</u>	<u>Dose (mg/kg)</u>	<u>Mice Surviving on Day 7 (%)</u>
193	40	100
193	120	100
316	40	80
316	120	0
420	40	100
420	120	100
379	40	40
379	120	0
419	40	40
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307	40	100
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447	40	100
447	120	80

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461	40	100
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474	120	100
342	40	100
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107	40	100
107	120	0
359	40	100
359	120	100

Example 34

The example demonstrates the *in vivo* efficacy of an antibacterial compound of the invention for treating a methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* infection. An intraperitoneal (ip) mouse infection model known in the art was utilized. A group of 10 female mice (5 test animals and 5 control animals) was inoculated ip with methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*. One hour after bacterial inoculation, five of the animals were given an interperitoneal injection of 40 mg/kg **61** as a 7 mg/mL solution in 10% w/v hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin in 0.9% w/v saline. After twenty-four hours all five animals that received **61** were alive, but four of the untreated animals had expired. After seven days, four of the treated animals were still alive.

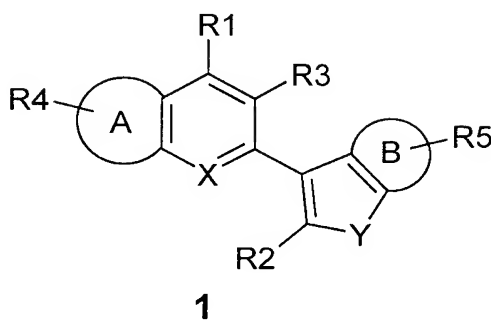
All of the references cited in this document are hereby incorporated by reference.

Equivalents

Those skilled in the art will recognize, or be able to ascertain using no more than routine experimentation, many equivalents to the specific embodiments of the invention described herein. Such equivalents are intended to be encompassed by the following claims.

We claim:

1. A compound represented by the general formula 1:



wherein

each of A and B independently represent fused rings selected from a group consisting of monocyclic or polycyclic cycloalkyls, cycloalkenyls, aryls, and heterocyclic rings, said rings comprising from 4 to 8 atoms in a ring structure;

X represents CR, N, N(O), P, or As;

Y represents CR₂, NR, O, PR, S, AsR, or Se;

R, R₁, R₂, and R₃, for each occurrence, independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

R₄ and R₅, for each occurrence, independently represent halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

A and B independently may be unsubstituted or substituted with R₄ and R₅, respectively, any number of times up to the limitations imposed by stability and the rules of valence;

R₈₀ represents an unsubstituted or substituted aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and

m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

2. The compound of claim 1, 4, 7, 18 or 21, wherein X represents N.
3. The compound of claim 1 or 2, wherein Y represents NR.
4. The compound of claim 1, wherein R₁ represents -C(Z)N(R)(R'-NHR).
- 5 5. The compound of claim 4 or 7, wherein R' represents an alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, or heteroaryl.
6. The compound of claim 5, wherein R' represents a cycloalkyl.
7. The compound of claim 4, wherein
 - R₂ and R₃, independently for each occurrence, represent H or a hydrophobic aliphatic group;
 - R₄, independently for each occurrence, represents C₁-C₆ alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OC(R)₂OR, -C(R)₂OR, -CO₂R, or a small hydrophobic moiety; and
 - R₅, independently for each occurrence, represents a small hydrophobic moiety.
8. The compound of claim 7, wherein R₂ and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, a C₁-C₆ alkyl or aryl.
9. The compound of claim 7, wherein A and B each represent fused benzo rings, X represents N, Y represents NR_a, and R_a represents H, alkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀, wherein R₈₀ represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle, and m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.
- 10 10. The compound of claim 7, 8 or 9, wherein R₄ occurs at least once and represents a halogen or a 1-alkynyl.
11. The compound of claim 10, wherein
 - R₄ occurs at least once and represents -CCR₆₀; and
 - R₆₀ represents hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, aminoalkyl, alkylamino, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, carbonyl, carboxyl, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, heteroalkyl, nitrile, amidine, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, carbamate, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, urea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀.
12. The compound of claim 7, 8 or 9, wherein R₅ occurs at least once and represents a halogen.
13. The compound of claim 11, wherein R₅ occurs at least once and represents a halogen.
14. The compound of claim 3, wherein Y represents NR_a, and R_a represents H, alkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀, wherein R₈₀ represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a

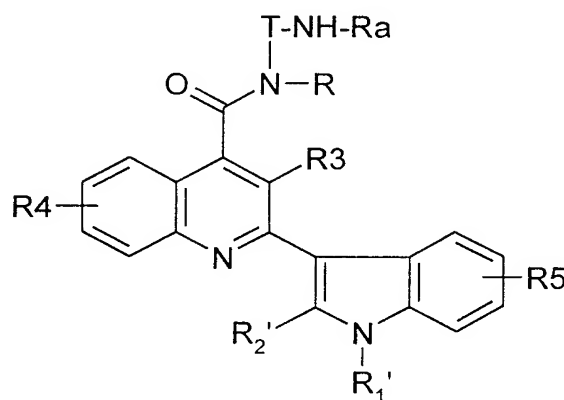
cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle, and m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

15. The compound of claim 10, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
- 5 16. The compound of claim 7 or 8, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
17. The compound of claim 12, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
18. The compound of claim 1, wherein
 - 10 R_1 represents halogen, $-\text{C}(\text{Z})\text{OR}$, $-\text{C}(\text{Z})\text{N}(\text{R})_2$, $-\text{S}(\text{Z})_2\text{N}(\text{R})_2$, or $-\text{P}(\text{Z})_2\text{N}(\text{R})_2$;
Z independently for each occurrence represents $(\text{R})_2$, O, S, or NR; and
R for each occurrence, independently represents hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-R}_{80}$.
 - 15 19. The compound of claim 18, wherein R_1 represents halogen, $-\text{C}(\text{Z})\text{OR}$, or $-\text{C}(\text{Z})\text{N}(\text{R})_2$.
 - 20 20. The compound of claim 18, wherein R_1 represents halogen, or $-\text{C}(\text{Z})\text{N}(\text{R})_2$.
 21. The compound of claim 18, wherein
 - R_2 and R_3 , independently for each occurrence, represent H or a hydrophobic aliphatic group; and
 R_4 , independently for each occurrence, represents $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, $-\text{OR}$, $-\text{OCF}_3$, $-\text{OC}(\text{R})_2\text{OR}$, $-\text{C}(\text{R})_2\text{OR}$, $-\text{CO}_2\text{R}$, or a small hydrophobic moiety.
 - 25 22. The compound of claim 21, wherein R_2 and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent H, a $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl or aryl.
 23. The compound of claim 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 or 26, wherein R_4 occurs at least once and represents a halogen or a 1-alkynyl.
 - 30 24. The compound of claim 23, wherein
 - R_4 occurs at least once and represents $-\text{CCR}_{60}$; and
 R_{60} represents hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, aminoalkyl, alkylamino, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, carbonyl, carboxyl, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, heteroalkyl, nitrile, amidine, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, carbamate, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, urea, or $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-R}_{80}$.
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25. The compound of claim 24, wherein R_5 occurs at least once and represents a halogen.
26. The compound of claim 18, wherein Y represents NR_a , and R_a represents H, alkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or $-(CH_2)_m-R_{80}$; wherein R_{80} represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.
27. The compound of claim 18, 21, 22 or 26, wherein R_5 independently for each occurrence represents a small hydrophobic moiety, $-C(O)N(R)_2$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-OH$, $-OR$, $-O_2C$ -aryl, or $-O_2C$ -alkyl.
28. The compound of claim 27, wherein R_5 occurs at least once and represents a halogen, halogenated alkyl, $-C(O)N(R)_2$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-OH$, $-OR$, $-O_2C$ -aryl, or $-O_2C$ -alkyl.
29. The compound of claim 27, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
30. The compound of claim 21 or 22, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
31. The compound of claim 23, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
32. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_1 represents a hydrogen.
33. The compound of claim 32, wherein
 R_2 and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent H or a hydrophobic aliphatic group; and
 R_4 independently for each occurrence represents C_1 - C_6 alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, $-OR$, $-OCF_3$, $-OC(R)_2OR$, $-C(R)_2OR$, $-CO_2R$, or a small hydrophobic moiety.
34. The compound of claim 32, wherein R_2 and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent H, a C_1 - C_6 alkyl or aryl.
35. The compound of claim 33 or 24, wherein R_4 occurs at least once and represents a halogen or a 1-alkynyl.
36. The compound of claim 35, wherein
 R_4 occurs at least once and represents $-CCR_{60}$; and
 R_{60} represents hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, aminoalkyl, alkylamino, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, carbonyl, carboxyl, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, heteroalkyl, nitrile, amidine, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, carbamate, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, urea, or $-(CH_2)_m-R_{80}$.

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37. The compound of claim 32 or 33, wherein R_5 independently for each occurrence represents a small hydrophobic moiety, $-C(O)N(R_a)_2$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-OH$, $-OR_a$, $-O_2C$ -aryl, or $-O_2C$ -alkyl.
38. The compound of claim 37, wherein R_5 occurs at least once and represents a halogen, halogenated alkyl, $-C(O)N(R)_2$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-OH$, $-OR$, $-O_2C$ -aryl, or $-O_2C$ -alkyl.
39. The compound of claim 1, wherein R_4 occurs at least once and represents at least one 1-alkynyl group.
40. The compound of claim 1, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
41. The compound of claim 40, wherein the bacterium is selected from the group consisting of *Staphylococcus spp* and *Enterococcus spp*.
42. The compound of claim 40, having a therapeutic index in primates of at least 10 for the inhibition of infection by at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
43. A compound represented by general formula 2:



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wherein

R , R_a , R_3 , R_1' , and R_2' , for each occurrence, independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or $-(CH_2)_m-R_{80}$;

R_4 , and R_5 , for each occurrence, independently represent halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl,

phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -
5 (CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

T represents a covalent linker;

the B-rings of the 2-quinolinyl and 3-indolyl moieties may be unsubstituted, or substituted between one and four times inclusive by R₄ and R₅, respectively;

R₈₀ represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and

10 m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

44. The compound of claim 43, 46, 47, 48 or 49, wherein T represents a cyclic, branched or straight chain aliphatic group, 2-10 bonds in length.

45. The compound of claim 44, wherein T represents a cycloalkyl group.

46. The compound of claim 43, wherein

15 R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H or a hydrophobic aliphatic group;

R₄ independently for each occurrence represents C₁-C₆ alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OC(R)₂OR, -C(R)₂OR, -CO₂R, or a small hydrophobic moiety; and

R₅ independently for each occurrence represents a small hydrophobic moiety.

20 47. The compound of claim 36, wherein R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, C₁-C₆ alkyl or aryl.

48. The compound of claim 47, wherein R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H or Me.

25 49. The compound of claim 48, wherein R, R_a and R'₁ independently for each occurrence represent H, alkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀; wherein R₈₀ represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

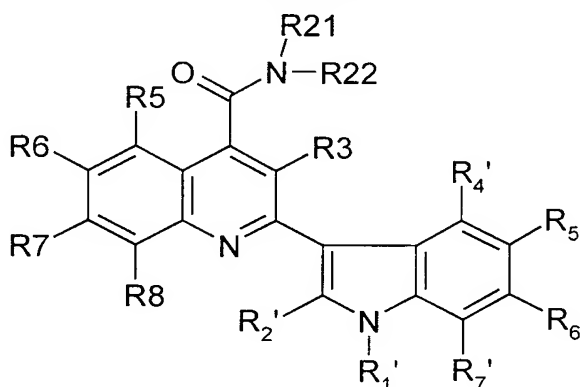
30 50. The compound of claim 43, 46, 47, 48 or 49, wherein R₄ occurs at least once and represents, independently for each occurrence, halogen, a 1-alkynyl group or a trihalogenated methyl group.

51. The compound of claim 50, wherein R₄ occurs at least once and represents a 1-alkynyl group.

52. The compound of claim 50, wherein R₄ occurs at least once and represents a trihalogenated methyl group.

35 53. The compound of claim 50, wherein R₅ occurs at least once and represents a halogen.

54. The compound of claim 50, wherein R_5 occurs at least once and represents a halogenated C_1 - C_6 alkyl group.
55. The compound of claim 43, 46, 47, 48 or 49, wherein R_5 occurs at least once and represents a halogen.
56. The compound of claim 43, 46, 47, 48 or 49, wherein R_5 occurs at least once and represents a halogenated C_1 - C_6 alkyl group.
57. The compound of claim 50, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
58. The compound of claim 43, 46, 47, 48 or 49, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
59. A compound represented by the following general formula:



wherein

- 15 R_3 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , R_8 , R_{21} , R_{22} , R_1' , R_2' , R_4' , R_5' , R_6' , and R_7' , for each occurrence, independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-R}_{80}$;

R_{80} represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and

m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

60. The compound of claim 59, wherein
- 25 R_2' and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent H or a hydrophobic aliphatic group;

R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ independently for each occurrence represent H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OC(R)₂OR, -C(R)₂OR, -CO₂R, or a small hydrophobic moiety;

R₁' represents H, alkyl, aryl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, -(CH₂)_nN(Phth), or -(CH₂)_nN(R)₂; wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

R₄', R₅', R₆' and R₇' independently for each occurrence represent H, or a small hydrophobic moiety; and

R₂₁ and R₂₂ independently for each occurrence represent H, alkyl, aryl, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀, or R₂₁ and R₂₂ taken together with N represent a heterocycle comprising from 4 to 8 members inclusive, with the proviso that R₂₁ and R₂₂ are selected such that N(R₂₁)R₂₂ comprises at least one primary or secondary amine.

61. The compound of claim 60, wherein R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or aryl.

62. The compound of claim 60, wherein R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H or -CH₃.

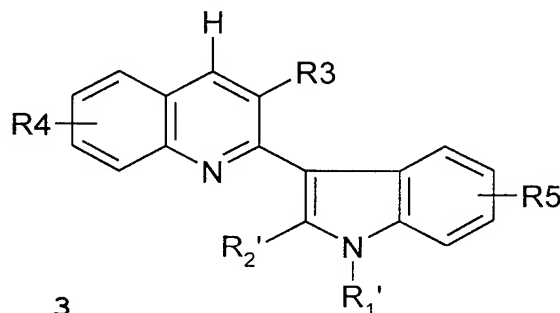
63. The compound of claim 61, wherein R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ independently for each occurrence represent H, halogen, trihalogenated methyl or -CCR₆₀, and R₆₀ represents hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀.

64. The compound of claim 59, 60, 61, 62 or 63, wherein R₄', R₅', R₆' and R₇' independently for each occurrence represent H, halogen, or a halogenated alkyl.

65. The compound of claim 59, 60, 61, 62 or 63, wherein R₂₁ and R₂₂ independently for each occurrence represent H, -(CH₂)_nNH(R₁'), *ortho*-CH₂C₆H₄CH₂NH(R₁'), *meta*-CH₂C₆H₄CH₂NH(R₁'), or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄CH₂NH(R₁'), *ortho*-CH₂C₆H₄O(R₁'), *meta*-CH₂C₆H₄O(R₁'), or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄O(R₁'), *ortho*-CH₂C₆H₄OMe, *meta*-CH₂C₆H₄OMe, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄OMe, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄OH, (2-benzimidazolyl)CH₂-, 2-methoxyphenyl, 3-methoxyphenyl, or 4-methoxyphenyl, 2-hydroxyphenyl, 3-hydroxyphenyl, or 4-hydroxyphenyl, or 2((R₁')aminomethyl)cyclohexylmethyl, 3((R₁')aminomethyl)cyclohexylmethyl, or 4((R₁')aminomethyl)cyclohexylmethyl; wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive

66. The compound of claim 59, 60, 61, 62 or 63, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 µg/mL against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

67. The compound of claim 52, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
68. The compound of claim 52, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 0.1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
- 5 69. The compound of claim 52, having a therapeutic index in primates of at least 10 for the inhibition of infection by at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
70. The compound represented by general formula 3:



wherein

- 10 R_3 , R_1' , and R_2' , for each occurrence, independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-R}_{80}$;
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- R_4 , and R_5 , for each occurrence, independently represent halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-R}_{80}$;
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- the B-rings of the 2-quinolinyl and 3-indolyl moieties may be unsubstituted or substituted between one and four times inclusive by R_4 and R_5 , respectively;
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R_{80} represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

71. The compound of claim 70, wherein

R₁' represents H, alkyl, aryl, Me, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, -(CH₂)_nN(Phth), or -(CH₂)_nN(R)₂; wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H or a hydrophobic aliphatic group;

5 R₄ independently for each occurrence represents C₁-C₆ alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OC(R)₂OR, -C(R)₂OR, -CO₂R, or a small hydrophobic moiety; and

R₅ independently for each occurrence represents a small hydrophobic moiety, -C(O)N(R)₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl.

10 72. The compound of claim 71, wherein R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or aryl.

73. The compound of claim 72, wherein R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H or -CH₃.

15 74. The compound of claim 70, 71 or 72, wherein R₄ independently for each occurrence represents a halogen, trihalogenated methyl or -CCR₆₀, and R₆₀ represents hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, aminoalkyl, alkylamino, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, carbonyl, carboxyl, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, heteroalkyl, nitrile, amidine, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, carbamate, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, urea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀.

20 75. The compound of claim 70, 71 or 72, wherein R₅ independently for each occurrence represents a small hydrophobic moiety, -C(O)N(R)₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl.

76. The compound of claim 75, wherein R₅ independently for each occurrence represents a halogen, a trihalogenated methyl, -C(O)N(R)₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl.

25 77. The compound of claim 70, 71, 72 or 73, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 µg/mL against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

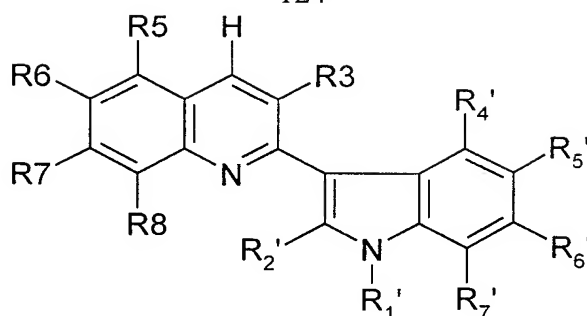
78. The compound of claim 77, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 1 µg/mL against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

30 79. The compound of claim 77, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 0.1 µg/mL against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

80. The compound of claim 77, having a therapeutic index in primates of at least 10 for the inhibition of infection by at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

81. The compound represented by the following general structure:

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wherein

R_2' and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or aryl;

R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , and R_8 independently for each occurrence represent H, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, $-C(O)N(R)_2$, or a small hydrophobic moiety;

R_1' represents H, alkyl, aryl, Me, or *p*-toluenesulfonyl; and

R_4' , R_5' , R_6' and R_7' independently for each occurrence represent H, or a small hydrophobic moiety, $-C(O)NR_2$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-OH$, $-OR$, $-O_2Caryl$, or $-O_2Calkyl$.

82. The compound of claim 81, wherein

R_2' and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, or aryl;

R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , and R_8 independently for each occurrence represent H, a halogen, trihalogenated methyl, or $-CCR_{60}$ (wherein R_{60} is defined elsewhere);

R_4' , R_5' , R_6' and R_7' independently for each occurrence represent H, a halogen, a halogenated alkyl, $-C(O)NR_2$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-OH$, $-OR$, $-O_2Caryl$, or $-O_2Calkyl$.

83. The compound of claim 82, wherein R_4' , R_5' , R_6' and R_7' independently for each occurrence represent H, a halogen, or a trifluoromethyl group.

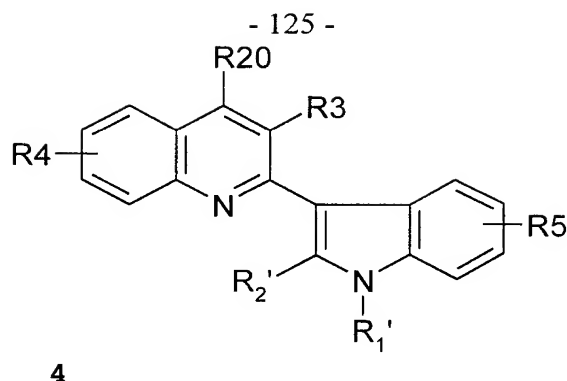
84. The compound of claim 81, 82 or 83, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

85. The compound of claim 84, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

86. The compound of claim 84, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 0.1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

87. The compound of claim 84, having a therapeutic index in primates of at least 10 for the inhibition of infection by at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

88. The compound represented by general formula 4:



wherein

R_{20} represents H, Me, lower alkyl, halogen, $-C(Z)OR$, $-C(Z)N(R)_2$, $-S(Z)_2N(R)_2$, or $-P(Z)_2N(R)_2$, wherein Z independently for each occurrence represents $(R)_2$, O, S, or NR;

5 R, R_3 , R_1' , and R_2' , for each occurrence, independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, 10 hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or $-(CH_2)_m-R_{80}$; R_{80} ;

15 R_4 , and R_5 , for each occurrence, independently represent halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or $-(CH_2)_m-R_{80}$;

the B-rings of the 2-quinolinyl and 3-indolyl moieties may be unsubstituted or substituted between one and four times inclusive by R_4 and R_5 , respectively;

20 R_{80} represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

89. The compound of claim 88, wherein R_{20} represents halogen, $-C(Z)OR$, or $-C(Z)N(R)_2$, and Z independently for each occurrence represents $(R)_2$, O, S, or NR.

90. The compound of claim 88, wherein

25 R_1' represents H, alkyl, aryl, Me, or *p*-toluenesulfonyl;

R_2' and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or aryl;

R_4 independently for each occurrence represents Me, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, $-OR$, $-OCF_3$, $-OCR_2OR$, $-CR_2OR$, $-CO_2R$, or a small hydrophobic moiety; and

R₅ independently for each occurrence represents a small hydrophobic moiety, -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl.

91. The compound of claim 90, wherein

R₁' represents H, alkyl, aryl, or *p*-toluenesulfonyl; and

5 R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, or aryl.

92. The compound of claim 91, wherein R₁' represents H, or Me.

93. The compound of claim 92, wherein R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, or Me.

10 94. The compound of claim 88, 89 or 90, wherein R₄ independently for each occurrence represents Me, a halogen, a halogenated alkyl, or -CCR₆₀, R₆₀ represents hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, aminoalkyl, alkylamino, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, carbonyl, carboxyl, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, heteroalkyl, nitrile, amidine, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, carbamate, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, urea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀.

15 95. The compound of claim 94, wherein R₄ independently for each occurrence represents a halogen, or a trifluoromethyl group.

96. The compound of claim 88, 89 or 90, wherein R₅ independently for each occurrence represents a small hydrophobic moiety, -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl.

20 97. The compound of claim 96, wherein R₅ independently for each occurrence represents a halogen, a halogenated alkyl, -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl.

98. The compound of claim 88, 89 or 90, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 µg/mL against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

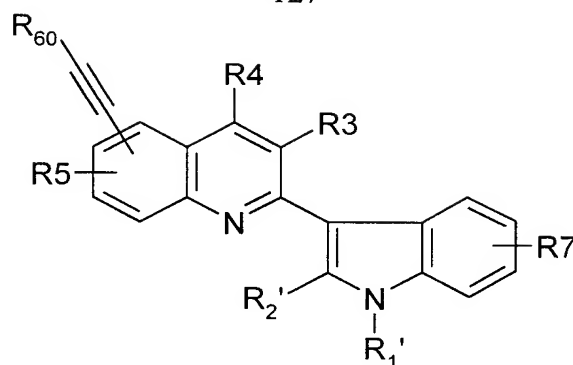
25 99. The compound of claim 98, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 1 µg/mL against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

100. The compound of claim 98, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 0.1 µg/mL against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

101. The compound of claim 98, having a therapeutic index in primates of at least 10 for the inhibition of infection by at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

30 102. The compound represented by the following general formula:

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wherein

R_3 , R_4 , R_1' , R_2' , and R_{60} for each occurrence, independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or $-(CH_2)_m-R_{80}$;

R_5 , and R_7 , for each occurrence, independently represent halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or $-(CH_2)_m-R_{80}$;

the B-ring of the 2-quinolinyl moiety may be unsubstituted beyond the alkynyl group or substituted between one and three times inclusive by R_5 ;

the B-ring of the 3-indolyl moiety may be unsubstituted or substituted between one and four times inclusive by R_7 ;

R_{80} represents an aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and

m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

103. The compound of claim 102, wherein

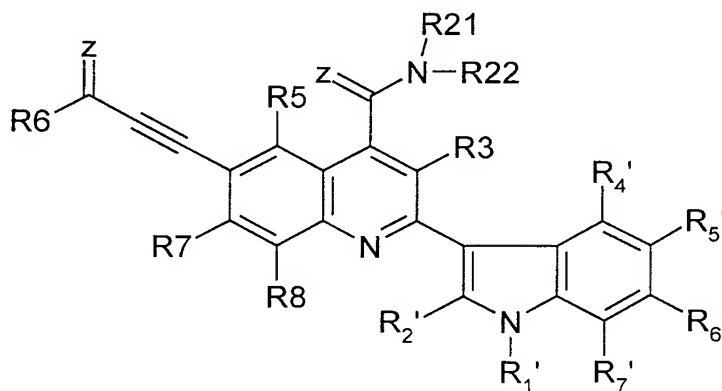
R_1' represents H, alkyl, aryl, Me, or *p*-toluenesulfonyl;

R_2' , R_3 , and R_4 independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or aryl;

R_5 independently for each occurrence represents Me, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, -CO₂R, or a small hydrophobic moiety; and

R_7 independently for each occurrence represents a small hydrophobic moiety, $-C(O)NR_2$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-OH$, $-OR$, $-O_2Caryl$, or $-O_2Calkyl$.

104. The compound represented by the following general structure:



5 wherein

Z independently for each occurrence represents $(R)_2$, O, S, or NR;

R_5 , R_7 , and R_8 independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, heteroalkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, $-OR$, $-OCF_3$, $-OCR_2OR$, $-CR_2OR$, $-CO_2R$, or a small hydrophobic moiety;

10 R_6 is selected from the group comprising NHR, $N(R)_2$, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl;

R_1' represents H, alkyl, aryl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, $-(CH_2)_nN(Phth)$, or $-(CH_2)_nN(R)_2$; wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

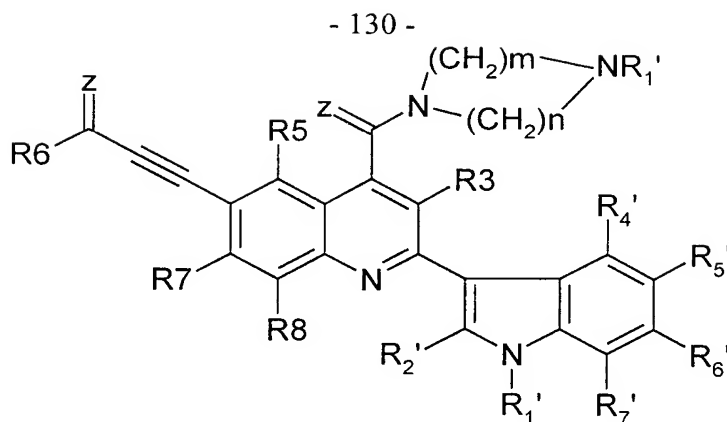
R_2' and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or aryl;

15 R_4' , R_5' , R_6' and R_7' independently for each occurrence represent II, a small hydrophobic moiety, $-C(O)NR_2$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-OH$, $-OR$, $-O_2Caryl$, or $-O_2Calkyl$; and

20 R_{21} and R_{22} independently for each occurrence represent H, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, $-(CH_2)_m-R_{80}$, and more preferably $-(CH_2)_nN(R_1')_2$, wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*- $CH_2C_6H_4CH_2N(R_1')_2$, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*- $C_6H_4CH_2N(R_1')_2$, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*- $CH_2C_6H_4O(R_1')$, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*- $CH_2C_6H_4OMe$, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*- $CH_2C_6H_4OH$, (2-benzimidazolyl) CH_2 -, 2-, 3-, or 4- (R_1') Ophenyl, 2-, 3-, or 4-methoxyphenyl, 2-, 3-, or 4-hydroxyphenyl, or 2-, 3-, or 4- $((R_1')_2NCH_2)cyclohexylmethyl$, or 2-, 3-, or 4- $((R_1')_2N)cyclohexylmethyl$; or $N(R_{21})R_{22}$ taken together represent a heterocycle comprising from 4 to 8 members inclusive.

25 105. The compound of claim 104, wherein R_2' and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent II, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or aryl.

106. The compound of claim 105, wherein R_2' and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent H, $-\text{CH}_3$, or phenyl.
107. The compound of claim 104, 105 or 106, wherein R_5 , R_7 and R_8 independently for each occurrence represent H, halogen, trihalogenated methyl or $-\text{CCR}_{60}$ and R_{60} represents
5 hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, silyloxy, amino, aminoalkyl, alkylamino, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, carbonyl, carboxyl, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, heteroalkyl, nitrile, amidine, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, carbamate, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, urea, or $-(\text{CH}_2)_m\text{-R}_{80}$.
108. The compound of claim 104, 105 or 106, wherein R_4' , R_5' , R_6' and R_7' independently for
10 each occurrence represent H, halogen, or a halogenated alkyl.
109. The compound of claim 108, wherein R_4' , R_5' , R_6' and R_7' independently for each occurrence represent H, halogen, or trifluoromethyl.
110. The compound of claim 104, 105 or 106, wherein R_{21} and R_{22} independently for each occurrence represent H, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NH}(\text{R}_1')$, *ortho*- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2\text{NH}(\text{R}_1')$,
15 *meta*- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2\text{NH}(\text{R}_1')$, or *para*- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2\text{NH}(\text{R}_1')$, *ortho*- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{O}(\text{R}_1')$, *meta*- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{O}(\text{R}_1')$, or *para*- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{O}(\text{R}_1')$, *ortho*- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{OMe}$, *meta*- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{OMe}$, or *para*- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{OMe}$, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*- $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{OH}$, (2-benzimidazolyl) CH_2 -, 2-methoxyphenyl, 3-methoxyphenyl, or 4-methoxyphenyl, 2-hydroxyphenyl, 3-hydroxyphenyl, or 4-hydroxyphenyl, or
20 $2((\text{R}_1')\text{aminomethyl})\text{cyclohexylmethyl}$, $3((\text{R}_1')\text{aminomethyl})\text{cyclohexylmethyl}$, or $4((\text{R}_1')\text{aminomethyl})\text{cyclohexylmethyl}$; wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive
111. The compound of claim 104, 105 or 106, wherein R_6 is selected from the group comprising NHR , $\text{N}(\text{R})_2$, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl.
- 25 112.. The compound of claim 104, 105 or 106, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
113. The compound of claim 112, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
114. The compound of claim 112, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than
30 0.1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
115. The compound of claim 112, having a therapeutic index in primates of at least 10 for the inhibition of infection by at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
116. The compound represented by the following general structure:



wherein

Z independently for each occurrence represents (R)₂, O, S, or NR;

R₅, R₇, and R₈ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, heteroalkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, -CO₂R, or a small hydrophobic moiety;

R₆ is selected from the group comprising NHR, N(R)₂, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl;

R₁' represents H, alkyl, aryl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, -(CH₂)_nN(Phth), or -(CH₂)_nN(R)₂; wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or aryl;

R₄', R₅', R₆' and R₇' independently for each occurrence represent H, a small hydrophobic moiety, -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl; and

m and n are integers independently selected from the range 1 to 4 inclusive.

117. The compound of claim 116, wherein R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, or phenyl.

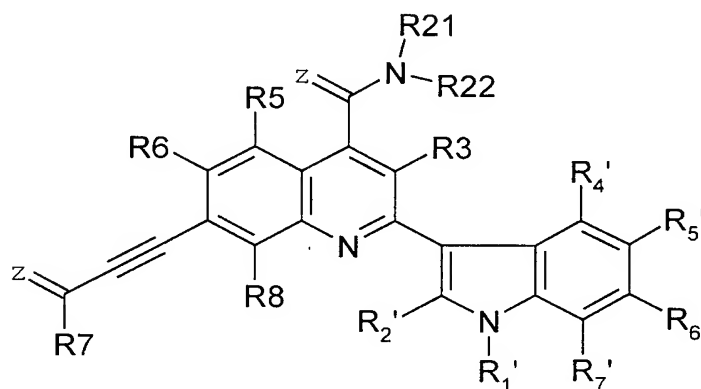
118. The compound of claim 116 and 117, wherein R₅, R₇, and R₈ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, -CO₂R, a halogen, or a halogenated alkyl.

119. The compound of claim 116 or 117, wherein R₅, R₇, and R₈ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, a halogen, or trifluoromethyl.

120. The compound of claim 116 or 117, wherein R₄', R₅', R₆' and R₇' independently for each occurrence represent H, a halogen, a halogenated alkyl, -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl.

121. The compound of claim 116 or 117, wherein R₄', R₅', R₆' and R₇' independently for each occurrence represent H, a halogen, a trifluoromethyl, -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl.

122. The compound of claim 116 or 117, wherein R_6 is selected from the group comprising NHR, $N(R)_2$, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl.
123. The compound of claim 116 or 116, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
124. The compound of claim 123, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
125. The compound of claim 123, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 0.1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
126. The compound of claim 123, having a therapeutic index in primates of at least 10 for the inhibition of infection by at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
127. The compound represented by the following general structure:



wherein

Z independently for each occurrence represents $(R)_2$, O, S, or NR;

R_5 , R_6 , and R_8 independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, heteroalkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, -CO₂R, or a small hydrophobic moiety;

R_7 is selected from the group comprising NHR, $N(R)_2$, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl;

R_1' represents H, alkyl, aryl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, $-(CH_2)_nN(\text{Phth})$, or $-(CH_2)_nN(R)_2$ wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

R_2' and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or aryl;

R_4' , R_5' , R_6' and R_7' independently for each occurrence represent H, a small hydrophobic moiety, -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl; and

R_{21} and R_{22} independently for each occurrence represent H, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, $-(CH_2)_n-R_{80}$, and more preferably $-(CH_2)_nN(R_1')_2$, wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*- $CH_2C_6H_4CH_2N(R_1')_2$, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*- $C_6H_4CH_2N(R_1')_2$, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*- $CH_2C_6H_4O(R_1')$, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*- $CH_2C_6H_4OMe$, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*- $CH_2C_6H_4OH$, (2-benzimidazolyl) CH_2 -, 2-, 3-, or 4- (R_1') Ophenyl, 2-, 3-, or 4-methoxyphenyl, 2-, 3-, or 4-hydroxyphenyl, or 2-, 3-, or 4- $((R_1')_2NCH_2)$ cyclohexylmethyl, or 2-, 3-, or 4- $((R_1')_2N)$ cyclohexylmethyl; or $N(R_{21})R_{22}$ taken together represent a heterocycle comprising from 4 to 8 members inclusive.

128. The compound of claim 127, wherein R_2' and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, or phenyl.

129. The compound of claim 127, wherein R_5 , R_6 , and R_8 independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, -CO₂R, a halogen, or a halogenated alkyl.

130. The compound of claim 129, wherein R_5 , R_6 , and R_8 independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, a halogen, or trifluoromethyl.

131. The compound of claim 127, wherein R_4' , R_5' , R_6' and R_7' independently for each occurrence represent H, a halogen, a halogenated alkyl, -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl.

132. The compound of claim 131, wherein R_4' , R_5' , R_6' and R_7' independently for each occurrence represent H, a halogen, or a trifluoromethyl.

133. The compound of claim 127, wherein R_7 is selected from the group comprising NHR, N(R)₂, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl.

134. The compound of claim 127, wherein R_{21} and R_{22} independently for each occurrence represent H, $-(CH_2)_nNH(R_1')$, *ortho*- $CH_2C_6H_4CH_2NH(R_1')$, *meta*- $CH_2C_6H_4CH_2NH(R_1')$, or *para*- $CH_2C_6H_4CH_2NH(R_1')$, *ortho*- $CH_2C_6H_4O(R_1')$, *meta*- $CH_2C_6H_4O(R_1')$, or *para*- $CH_2C_6H_4O(R_1')$, *ortho*- $CH_2C_6H_4OMe$, *meta*- $CH_2C_6H_4OMe$, or *para*- $CH_2C_6H_4OMe$, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*- $CH_2C_6H_4OH$, (2-benzimidazolyl) CH_2 -, 2-methoxyphenyl, 3-methoxyphenyl, or 4-methoxyphenyl, 2-hydroxyphenyl, 3-hydroxyphenyl, or 4-hydroxyphenyl, or 2- $((R_1')$ aminomethyl)cyclohexylmethyl, 3- $((R_1')$ aminomethyl)cyclohexylmethyl, or 4- $((R_1')$ aminomethyl)cyclohexylmethyl; wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive

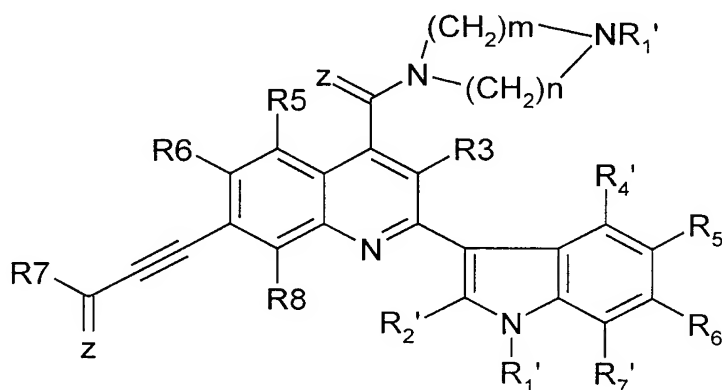
135. The compound of claim 127, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 µg/mL against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

136. The compound of claim 127, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 1 µg/mL against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

137. The compound of claim 127, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 0.1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

138. The compound of claim 127, having a therapeutic index in primates of at least 10 for the inhibition of infection by at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

139. The compound represented by the following general formula:



wherein

Z independently for each occurrence represents $(\text{R})_2$, O, S, or NR;

R_5 , R_6 , and R_8 independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, heteroalkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, -CO₂R, or a small hydrophobic moiety;

R_7 is selected from the group comprising NHR, $\text{N}(\text{R})_2$, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl;

R_1' represents H, alkyl, aryl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{N}(\text{Phth})$, or $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{N}(\text{R})_2$; wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

R_2' and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, or aryl;

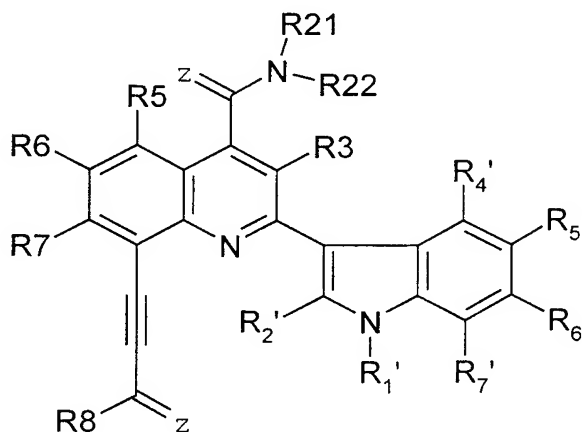
R_4' , R_5' , R_6' and R_7' independently for each occurrence represent H, a small hydrophobic moiety, -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl; and

m and n are integers independently selected from the range 1 to 4 inclusive.

140. The compound of claim 139, wherein R_2' and R_3 independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, or phenyl.

141. The compound of claim 139 or 140, wherein R_5 , R_6 , and R_8 independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, -CO₂R, a halogen, or a halogenated alkyl.

142. The compound of claim 141, wherein R_5 , R_6 , and R_8 independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, a halogen, or trifluoromethyl.
143. The compound of claim 139 or 140, wherein R_4' , R_5' , R_6' and R_7' independently for each occurrence represent H, a halogen, a halogenated alkyl, $-C(O)NR_2$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-OH$, $-OR$, $-O_2Caryl$, or $-O_2Calkyl$.
144. The compound of claim 143, wherein R_4' , R_5' , R_6' and R_7' independently for each occurrence represent H, a halogen, a trifluoromethyl, $-C(O)NR_2$, $-CN$, $-NO_2$, $-OH$, $-OR$, $-O_2Caryl$, or $-O_2Calkyl$.
145. The compound of claim 139, wherein R_7 is selected from the group comprising NHR , $N(R)_2$, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl.
146. The compound of claim 139, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than $10 \mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
147. The compound of claim 139, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than $1 \mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
148. The compound of claim 139, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than $0.1 \mu\text{g/mL}$ against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
149. The compound of claim 139, having a therapeutic index in primates of at least 10 for the inhibition of infection by at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
150. The compound represented by the following general structure:



wherein

Z independently for each occurrence represents $(R)_2$, O, S, or NR;

R₅, R₆, and R₇ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, heteroalkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, -CO₂R, or a small hydrophobic moiety;

R₈ is selected from the group comprising NHR, N(R)₂, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl ;

R₁' represents H, alkyl, aryl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, -(CH₂)_nN(Phth), or -(CH₂)_nN(R)₂; wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or aryl;

R₄', R₅', R₆' and R₇' independently for each occurrence represent H, a small hydrophobic moiety, -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl; and

R₂₁ and R₂₂ independently for each occurrence represent H, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀, and more preferably -(CH₂)_nN(R₁')₂, wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄CH₂N(R₁')₂, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-C₆H₄CH₂N(R₁')₂, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄O(R_{1ortho-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄OMe, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄OH, (2-benzimidazolyl)CH₂-, 2-, 3-, or 4-(R₁')Ophenyl, 2-, 3-, or 4-methoxyphenyl, 2-, 3-, or 4-hydroxyphenyl, or 2-, 3-, or 4-((R₁')₂NCH₂)cyclohexylmethyl, or 2-, 3-, or 4-((R₁')₂N)cyclohexylmethyl; or N(R₂₁)R₂₂ taken together represent a heterocycle comprising from 4 to 8 members inclusive.}

151. The compound of claim 150, wherein R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, or phenyl.

152. The compound of claim 150, wherein R₅, R₆, and R₇ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, -CO₂R, a halogen, or a halogenated alkyl.

153. The compound of claim 152, wherein R₅, R₆, and R₇ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, a halogen, or trifluoromethyl.

154. The compound of claim 150, wherein R₄', R₅', R₆' and R₇' independently for each occurrence represent H, a halogen, a halogenated alkyl, -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl.

155. The compound of claim 154, wherein R₄', R₅', R₆' and R₇' independently for each occurrence represent H, a halogen, or a trifluoromethyl.

156. The compound of claim 150, wherein R₈ is selected from the group comprising NHR, N(R)₂, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl.

157. The compound of claim 150, wherein R₂₁ and R₂₂ independently for each occurrence represent H, -(CH₂)_nNH(R_{1ortho-CH₂C₆H₄CH₂NH(R₁}

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meta-CH₂C₆H₄CH₂NH(R₁'), or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄CH₂NH(R₁'), *ortho*-CH₂C₆H₄O(R₁'),
meta-CH₂C₆H₄O(R₁'), or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄O(R₁'), *ortho*-CH₂C₆H₄OMe, *meta*-
 CH₂C₆H₄OMe, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄OMe, *ortho*-, *meta*-, or *para*-CH₂C₆H₄OH, (2-
 benzimidazolyl)CH₂-, 2-methoxyphenyl, 3-methoxyphenyl, or 4-methoxyphenyl, 2-
 hydroxyphenyl, 3-hydroxyphenyl, or 4-hydroxyphenyl, or
 2((R₁')aminomethyl)cyclohexylmethyl, 3((R₁')aminomethyl)cyclohexylmethyl, or 4-
 ((R₁')aminomethyl)cyclohexylmethyl, wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive

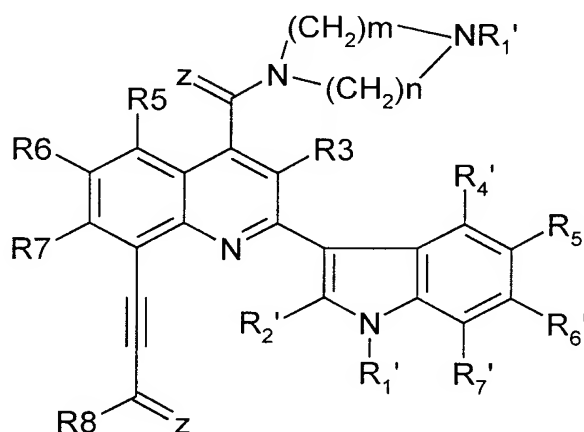
158. The compound of claim 150, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 µg/mL against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

159. The compound of claim 150, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 1 µg/mL against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

160. The compound of claim 150, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 0.1 µg/mL against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

161. The compound of claim 150, having a therapeutic index in primates of at least 10 for the inhibition of infection by at least one Gram-positive bacterium.

162. The compound represented by the following general formula:



wherein

Z independently for each occurrence represents (R)₂, O, S, or NR;

R₅, R₆, and R₇ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, heteroalkyl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, aryl, heteroaryl, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, -CO₂R, or a small hydrophobic moiety;

R₈ is selected from the group comprising NHR, N(R)₂, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl;

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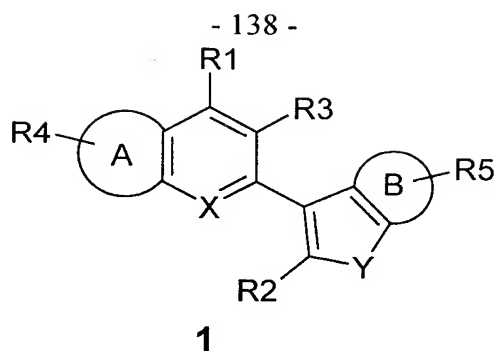
R₁' represents H, alkyl, aryl, *p*-toluenesulfonyl, -(CH₂)_nN(Phth), or -(CH₂)_nN(R)₂; wherein n is an integer in the range 1 to 6 inclusive;

R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or aryl;

R₄', R₅', R₆' and R₇' independently for each occurrence represent H, a small hydrophobic moiety, -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl; and

m and n are integers independently selected from the range 1 to 4 inclusive.

163. The compound of claim 162, wherein R₂' and R₃ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, or phenyl.
164. The compound of claim 162, wherein R₅, R₆, and R₇ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, -OR, -OCF₃, -OCR₂OR, -CR₂OR, -CO₂R, a halogen, or a halogenated alkyl.
165. The compound of claim 164, wherein R₅, R₆, and R₇ independently for each occurrence represent H, Me, a halogen, or trifluoromethyl.
166. The compound of claim 162, wherein R₄', R₅', R₆' and R₇' independently for each occurrence represent H, a halogen, a halogenated alkyl, -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl.
167. The compound of claim 166, wherein R₄', R₅', R₆' and R₇' independently for each occurrence represent H, a halogen, a trifluoromethyl, -C(O)NR₂, -CN, -NO₂, -OH, -OR, -O₂Caryl, or -O₂Calkyl.
168. The compound of claim 162, wherein R₈ is selected from the group comprising NHR, N(R)₂, 1-piperidyl, 1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 2-phenylethylamino, 4-morpholinyl, and 4-phenylmethyl-1-piperidyl.
169. The compound of claim 162, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 10 µg/mL against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
170. The compound of claim 162, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 1 µg/mL against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
171. The compound of claim 162, having a minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than 0.1 µg/mL against at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
172. The compound of claim 162, having a therapeutic index in primates of at least 10 for the inhibition of infection by at least one Gram-positive bacterium.
173. A pharmaceutical preparation comprising, as an active ingredient for inhibition of bacterial cell growth, a compound represented in the general formula 1:



wherein

each of A and B independently represent fused rings selected from a group consisting of monocyclic or polycyclic cycloalkyls, cycloalkenyls, aryls, and heterocyclic rings, said rings comprising from 4 to 8 atoms in a ring structure;

X represents CR, N, N(O), P, or As;

Y represents CR₂, NR, O, PR, S, AsR, or Se;

R, R₁, R₂, and R₃, for each occurrence, independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

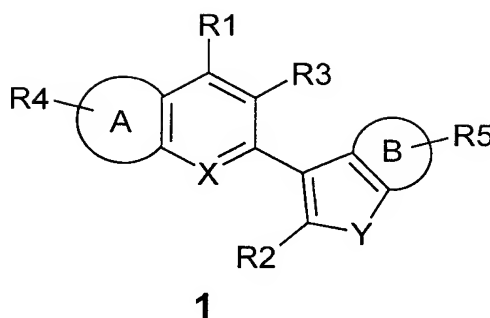
R₄ and R₅, for each occurrence, independently represent halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

A and B independently may be unsubstituted or substituted with R₄ and R₅, respectively, any number of times up to the limitations imposed by stability and the rules of valence;

R₈₀ represents an unsubstituted or substituted aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and

m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

174. A preparation for topical application to a cutaneous or mucosal tissue, comprising, as an active ingredient for inhibition of bacterial cell growth on the tissue, a compound represented in the general formula 1:



wherein

each of A and B independently represent fused rings selected from a group consisting of monocyclic or polycyclic cycloalkyls, cycloalkenyls, aryls, and heterocyclic rings, said rings comprising from 4 to 8 atoms in a ring structure;

X represents CR, N, N(O), P, or As;

Y represents CR₂, NR, O, PR, S, AsR, or Se;

R, R₁, R₂, and R₃, for each occurrence, independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

R₄ and R₅, for each occurrence, independently represent halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

A and B independently may be unsubstituted or substituted with R₄ and R₅, respectively, any number of times up to the limitations imposed by stability and the rules of valence;

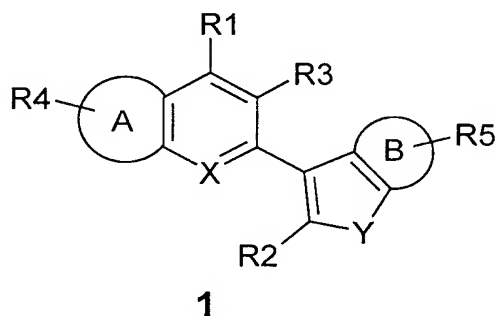
R₈₀ represents an unsubstituted or substituted aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and

m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

175. The preparation of claim 174, wherein the compound is formulated as a cream, lotion, ointment, liposome dispersion, emulsion, spray, pessary, foam or solution for external application to a cutaneous or mucosal surface.

176. The preparation of claim 174 or 175, wherein the compound is formulated for external application to corneal or dermal surfaces.

177. A method for inhibiting bacterial cell growth comprising contacting bacteria with a compound represented in the general formula 1:



wherein

each of A and B independently represent fused rings selected from a group consisting of monocyclic or polycyclic cycloalkyls, cycloalkenyls, aryls, and heterocyclic rings, said rings comprising from 4 to 8 atoms in a ring structure;

X represents CR, N, N(O), P, or As;

Y represents CR₂, NR, O, PR, S, AsR, or Se;

R, R₁, R₂, and R₃, for each occurrence, independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

R₄ and R₅, for each occurrence, independently represent halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide,

hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -
(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

A and B independently may be unsubstituted or substituted with R₄ and R₅, respectively, any number of times up to the limitations imposed by stability and the rules of valence;

5 R₈₀ represents an unsubstituted or substituted aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and

m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

178. The method of claim 177, wherein the bacteria is a Gram-positive bacteria.

10 179. The method of claim 178, wherein bacteria is selected from the group consisting of *Staphylococcus*, *Streptococcus*, *Micrococcus*, *Peptococcus*, *Peptostreptococcus*, *Enterococcus*, *Bacillus*, *Clostridium*, *Lactobacillus*, *Listeria*, *Erysipelothrix*, *Propionibacterium*, *Eubacterium*, and *Corynebacterium*.

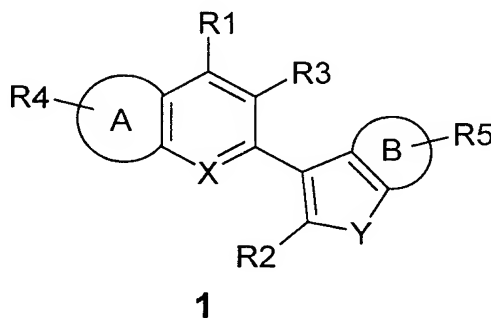
15 180. The method of claim 177, wherein the bacteria is resistant to methicillin and/or vancomycin.

181. The method of claim 177 or 180, wherein the bacteria is selected from the group consisting of *Staphylococcus spp* and *Enterococcus spp*.

182. The method of claim 177, wherein the bacteria is contacted with the compound *in vitro*.

183. The method of claim 177, wherein the bacteria is contacted with the compound *in vivo*.

20 184. A method for treating or preventing bacterial infection in an animal, or an external tissue surface thereof, comprising administering a pharmaceutical preparation of a compound represented in the general formula 1:



wherein

25 each of A and B independently represent fused rings selected from a group consisting of monocyclic or polycyclic cycloalkyls, cycloalkenyls, aryls, and heterocyclic rings, said rings comprising from 4 to 8 atoms in a ring structure;

X represents CR, N, N(O), P, or As;

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Y represents CR₂, NR, O, PR, S, AsR, or Se;

R, R₁, R₂, and R₃, for each occurrence, independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

R₄ and R₅, for each occurrence, independently represent halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

A and B independently may be unsubstituted or substituted with R₄ and R₅, respectively, any number of times up to the limitations imposed by stability and the rules of valence;

R₈₀ represents an unsubstituted or substituted aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and

m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

185. The method of claim 184, wherein the compound is administered to an animal suffering from, or at risk of developing, bacteremia, a skin/wound infection, a lower respiratory infection, endocarditis, or infection of the urinary tract.

186. The method of claim 185, wherein the compound is administered parenterally.

187. The method of claim 186, wherein the compound is administered intramuscularly, intravenously, subcutaneously, orally, topically or intranasally.

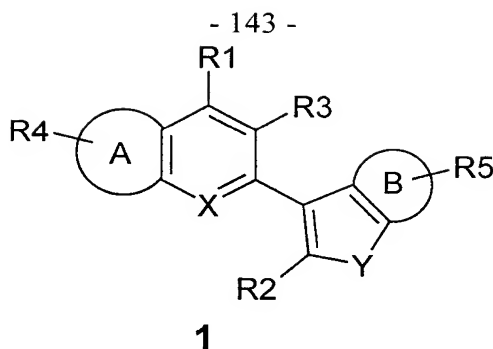
188. The method of claim 185, wherein the compound is administered systemically.

189. The method of claim 184, wherein the compound is administered to a mammal.

190. The method of claim 189, wherein the compound is administered to a primate.

191. The method of claim 189, wherein the compound is administered to a human.

192. A method for promoting weight gain in a livestock, comprising administering to the livestock a compound represented in the general formula 1:



wherein

each of A and B independently represent fused rings selected from a group consisting of monocyclic or polycyclic cycloalkyls, cycloalkenyls, aryls, and heterocyclic rings, said rings comprising from 4 to 8 atoms in a ring structure;

X represents CR, N, N(O), P, or As;

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R, R₁, R₂, and R₃, for each occurrence, independently represent hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

R₄ and R₅, for each occurrence, independently represent halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, alkoxyl, silyloxy, amino, nitro, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, imine, amide, phosphoryl, phosphonate, phosphine, carbonyl, carboxyl, carboxamide, anhydride, silyl, thioalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, selenoalkyl, ketone, aldehyde, ester, heteroalkyl, nitrile, guanidine, amidine, acetal, ketal, amine oxide, aryl, heteroaryl, azide, aziridine, carbamate, epoxide, hydroxamic acid, imide, oxime, sulfonamide, thioamide, thiocarbamate, urea, thiourea, or -(CH₂)_m-R₈₀;

A and B independently may be unsubstituted or substituted with R₄ and R₅, respectively, any number of times up to the limitations imposed by stability and the rules of valence;

R₈₀ represents an unsubstituted or substituted aryl, a cycloalkyl, a cycloalkenyl, a heterocycle, or a polycycle; and

m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

193. The method of claim 192, wherein the compound is administered systemically.

194. The method of claim 192, wherein the compound is formulated in feedstuff fed to the livestock.